



Term 3 Week 3 ~ 10th August 2023

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Balaklava Primary School *newsletter*

We celebrated National Principal Day on Friday 4th August



School Leaders, Halle, Grace and Amber thanking Mrs Pudney and Mrs Jarman for their wonderful leadership within our school.

Important Dates

AUGUST

- 14th - Science Week
- 18th
- 15th - Nude Food Day
- 17th - Optional Science Showcase
- 21st - Book Week
- 25th
- 23rd - FOM Magic Millions
- 24th - Bookweek Parade
- 25th - Kadina Basketball

SEPTEMBER

- 1st - SAPSASA Athletics at Clare
- 5th - Strikers Visit (Rec - Yr 4)
- 12th - Finance Mtg
- Gov Council Mtg
- 12th - Book Fair
- 15th
- 21st - FOM Performance
- 22nd - RE
- 23rd - Balaklava Show (SAT)

27th - School Closure for Paskeville Field Days

29th - Casual Clothes Day
- Last Day of Term 3
2:10pm Dismissal

OCTOBER

16th - First day of Term 4

Assemblies for Term 3
Will be held Week 4, 6 and 8 at 2:20pm and 10 at 1:30pm.

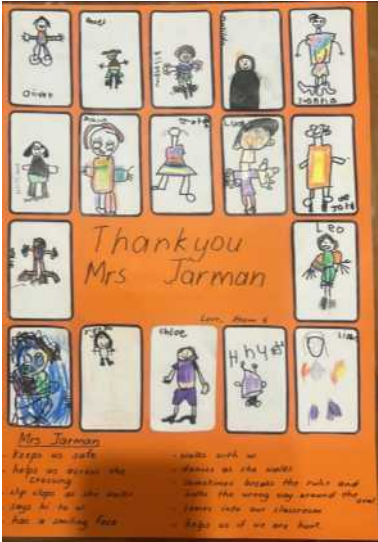


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Department for Education



From the Principal

Again this year, I was very humbled to receive beautiful flowers, yummy chocolates, a lovely card and a fantastic portrait from Rm 6 to celebrate Principals Day.



I feel very privileged and proud to lead the learning at Balaklava Primary School. I couldn't do this successfully without the support from the staff, students, parents and community. Thank you.

As I reflect on my 6 years at BPS, I stop and think about the huge changes that have transpired. Some within our control, and other changes as a result of things outside of our control (eg Covid). I have the most amazing team of staff that I sincerely need to thank. Their flexibility and willingness to go above and beyond to support each other, our students and families is certainly noticed and appreciated.

Please, when you have the chance, take the opportunity to reach out to our staff members and say thanks or acknowledge them for the great job they are doing.

In Education, we are often reminded of the things that are not going so well but amongst that, there are lots of moments each day where we celebrate success. These are the moments that keep us coming back day after day. If a staff member has done something to help you or your child, please spend a moment to send them a message of thanks. A little thanks, appreciation and support goes a long way.

Balaklava Eisteddfod Society

Congratulations to our Rock Band – BPS Rock Stars who performed at the Balaklava Eisteddfod last Friday. They were on first, and competed against Nazareth Year 6 band, Nazareth Year 5 band and Faith band. The Rock Stars haven't had a lot of opportunity to perform in front of an audience so this was a fantastic experience.

When announcing the winners of the section, the adjudicator said that it was very difficult to separate first and second place. Our BPS band was awarded 2nd place. They certainly did themselves and BPS very proud.

Later in the day, our Choir attended a Choral Workshop. The adjudicator had high praise for our choir and was able to offer them some strategies to further improve their performance. It was a fantastic process to observe. The Choir will have the opportunity to perform at the Balaklava Show as well as at the Festival of Music later this term.

Congratulations to Jessica Bushnell for her ongoing work with the students to ensure they were stage ready, rehearsing mainly at lunchtimes, before and after school.

Thank you to Heidi Zerk for your ongoing support and guidance. Your expertise is certainly highly valued and much appreciated. You are going to leave very big shoes to fill at the end of the year when your youngest child graduates from BPS.

Comments and photos from the Eisteddfod can be found on page 18.



THANK YOU to all of our amazing parents and friends who have put their hand up to volunteer for the Balaklava Eisteddfod and Balaklava SAPSASA Basketball event. The catering side for these events are fundraising opportunities for the school and we could not run them without your help, support and donations.

We have many people working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure these events happen and our students can enjoy the benefits of the funds raised. I can't thank you enough for your hard work. It is very much appreciated.

If you haven't been able to put your hand up to help out yet that is okay, we still have plenty of volunteering opportunities this term including the Fathers Day Stall (dates are still to be confirmed) and Balaklava Show on Saturday 23rd September.

Please keep your eye on our Balaklava Primary School Volunteers Facebook page.

Once again, thank you. Many hands make light work and if we have multiple people willing to help, we reduce the reliance on a small, core group of people.

WATCH THIS SPACE!



Students and community members driving past may have noticed this section of temporary fencing on our school oval. Our Inground Tramoplins have been ordered and will be installed within the next few weeks.

We would like to thank all who helped us with our previous fundraising events over the past 3 years! This has been a big target to reach but we have finally got there!

The SRC are currently deciding what our next fundraising item will be. We will keep you posted what our next goal is!
Watch this space!

THE PARENT SURVEY



Parent Survey:

In Week 2, Tuesday 1st August you would have received an email or SMS from the Parent Survey Team with a unique link to participate in the survey.

If you do not receive an email or SMS with your unique survey link, contact education.ParentSurvey@sa.gov.au and include our school's name in your email.

The survey takes less than 10 minutes and will help us understand:

- what we're doing well
- where we can improve
- what's important to you.

It has been coordinated centrally so that added administration workload isn't placed on the school. Your answers will not identify you or your child. Only collated feedback will be provided to our school. Information collected will inform school improvement planning and activities at the school.

The survey closes 5pm Sunday 27 August.

If you did not receive an email from the Department for Education, please use the link below. We will also post a copy of the survey link on Facebook, SeeSaw and Skoolbag.

<https://survey.education.sa.gov.au/n/28hjMI7eGZ-7aGceOFBdF02fYy>

We would like ALL families to complete the survey.

Although the survey is anonymous, if you have something that you would like us (or myself) to follow up with you, please pop your name in the comment or send me an email. Sometimes it is hard to get all of the information required to review process within the limited comments. We value your feedback and honesty and would appreciate the opportunity to learn from you regarding how we can do things better. Having a good understanding of your comments / concerns and feedback is essential in reviewing processes.

BOOK WEEK

The Children's Book Council of Australia will be celebrating Bookweek 2023 from the 21st-25th of August. The theme for this year is '**Read, Grow, Inspire.**' At BPS we will be celebrating with a dress-up walk down to the triangle. The students are encouraged to dress up as a book character or book title. We will be stopping in the triangle for a short activity before returning to school.

All students will meet on the school basketball court at 9:30am for the taking of a whole school photograph and then we will all walk down Wallace Street and return by walking down Scotland Street, past the Kindy. We would love to see lots of people down the street so we can show off our costumes and celebrate our love of reading.



STAFF FOR TERM 3

Half way through the year and some of the staffing at BPS has changed. Here are the current Ancillary Staff for the remainder of 2023.



Megan Arthur
Mon - Thur
Fri - Front Office



Angela Battle
Mon - Fri



Sheralyn Bond
Tues - Thurs



Teagan Carman
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri



Marlene Cott
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri



Ken Dalton
Mon - Fri



Dee Daniel
Admin: Thurs



Alicia Davey
Newsletter



Michele Davey
Front Office: Mon - Thurs



Denis Gathercole
Tues - Thurs



Diane Gregor
Admin: Mon - Fri



Sally Hahsey
Mon - Thurs



Shelly Litzow
Mon - Fri



Michael Mazzone
Tues - Wed



Sammi McLean
Mon - Thurs



Julie McNamara
ACEO Wed



Kym Merchant
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri



Kylie Pym
Thurs, Fri



Stacey Thompson
Mon - Fri



Dot Tiller
Tue - Thurs



Jason Wilkey
Wed

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

To all students who are currently completing Children's Uni for 2023, please update and hand your passports into Mrs Cleary by Wednesday 23rd August (Week 5).

Luca from Children's Uni will be here on Monday 28th August to measure up graduation robes and passports need to be checked beforehand to make sure students will get to their 30 hours required to graduate. Any questions please contact Cherie Cleary.



TESTING OUT THE INGROUND TRAMPOLINE



A few students helped Mrs Cleary out by testing out where our new "Inground Trampoline" is going to go!



REMOVING PAVERS FROM ROOM 8 AREA



Some students along with SSO Ken, pulled up some of the pavers around Room 8 in preparation for the installation of a piece of play equipment. Thankyou to Ken and the students who helped out.



BE OUR BEST – SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL PROGRAM

This term our students are continuing their social and emotional learning by working through Part 3: WELLBEING: Resilience + Happiness from the You Can Do It curriculum.

Students will learn about emotions and the different types of emotions people feel.

Emotions are feelings we have about ourselves, different people, the things we do and the events in our lives. Everybody feels all different types of emotions.

Emotional Awareness: is understanding the influence that our own behaviour has on the emotional responses of others.

Emotional Regulation: is managing and moderating emotions in familiar contexts, using strategies.



LAZY



ANGRY



EXCITED



DOWN (SAD)



WORRIED



HAPPY

INTERNET SAFETY

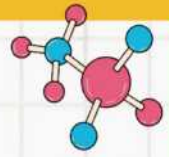
The internet can have a major influence on the mental health of children and adults. Children aged between 9-11 may start to become more independent with their use of the internet but below are some tips to help protect them from internet safety risks.

- Create a family media plan. It's best to create your plan with your child and ask them for suggestions. Your plan could cover things like screen-free areas in your house and what online behaviour is OK. If you follow the family media rules too, you'll be role-modelling good online behaviour.
- Talk with your child about ways to restrict the content they can see, like using safe search settings on browsers. You might need to show your child how to do this.
- Check that games, websites and TV programs are appropriate for your child. You can do this by looking at reviews on Common Sense Media.
- If you use TV streaming services, set up profiles for different household members. This can make it less likely that your child will come across inappropriate programs.
- Encourage your child to use child-friendly messaging apps like Messenger Kids.
- Ask your child to 'friend' you on social media. Friending your child means you can follow what they're interested in and who they're connected to online.
- Find out how to make complaints about offensive or illegal online content. For more tips and information please visit Internet safety for pre-teens, raisingchildren.net.au, or speak with your child's classroom teacher.





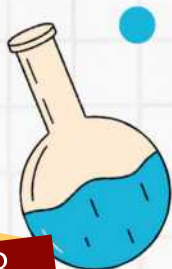
SCIENCE WEEK 2023



This years theme is Innovation: Powering Future Industries, therefore we are having a **NUDE FOOD TUESDAY**

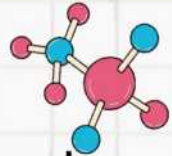
Nude Food is simply food that is not wrapped in foil, plastic or commercial packaging. The best type of nude food consists mainly of fresh food, so that it is healthy and nutritious plus environmentally friendly.

As part of Science Week
we are having a nude food day on
Tuesday the 15th August.
The whole school will have a
shared lunch on the oval where
no bins will be provided.





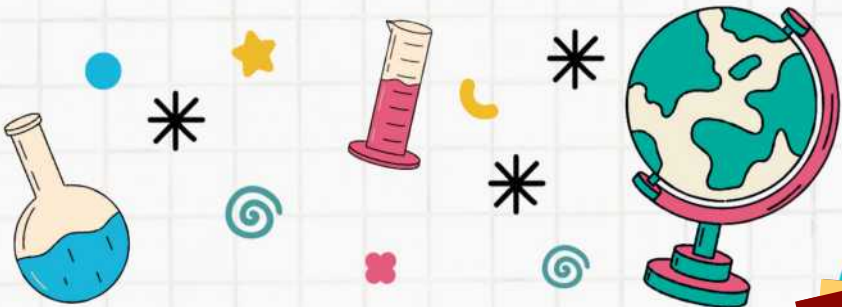
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OPTIONAL SCIENCE SHOWCASE...

You are invited to design your own innovative invention at home that helps the environment. Entries must be made from recycled materials with a brief description of how your invention works and what issue it solves. All entries must be brought in by Thursday 17 August Week 4. These will be displayed in the well for all students to view.



MOBILE PHONES & PERSONAL DEVICES AT BPS

This school policy is implemented in line with the Department for Education's Student use of mobile phones and personal devices policy, which applies to all government schools. This document provides direction to students, staff, and families about managing personal devices that students choose to bring to school.

For the purposes of this policy, personal devices include mobile phones, smart watches and other digital devices that are capable of sending or receiving messages or calls and/or able to connect to the internet, and personal laptops or iPads that are not owned by the school and have not been brought to school by the student under a separate Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) agreement.

Rationale

With the widespread and increasing ownership of mobile phones and other devices among students it is critical that schools, in partnership with families, provide clear guidance for students to become informed, safe, respectful, and responsible digital citizens.

It is the Department for Education's position that access to personal devices during school hours must be managed so that students can be fully present in their learning and in their interactions with their teachers and peers.

The aim of this policy is to help promote:

- safe environments with reduced negative impacts of inappropriate use of devices at school, such as cyberbullying, exposure to harmful content, and critical incidents that involve mobile phones
- classroom environments where teachers can teach, and students can learn, free from distractions caused by personal use of devices
- use of breaks as quality time away from screens, encouraging physical activity and play and meaningful face-to-face connections with peers.

Personal devices at school

Students are permitted to bring personal devices to school:

- as a measure to ensure their safety while travelling to and from school
- so that parents can contact them outside of school hours
- to be used during school hours in line with an exemption that has been approved by the school under

While students are at school, or attending school activities, they must comply with any reasonable directions given by school staff in line with this policy regarding their personal devices.

The Department for Education's policy requires all students at all department schools to keep personal devices 'off and away' between the start and end of each school day, and while they are attending school activities off-site, such as camps and excursions.

Students will not be able to access their personal devices at any time during school hours, unless they have received an approved exemption from the school to use the device for a specific, agreed reason. This means both physical access and remote access (e.g. connecting with the personal device via hotspot or using paired headphones).

Storage of personal devices at school

Students will turn their devices off or place them in flight mode before putting them away. This includes taking off and storing any wearable technology that fits the definition of this policy, such as smartwatches. Students will hand devices to the front office staff between 8:25am and 8:45am. (or as soon as they arrive at School) The staff member who receives the device, will put it into a labelled bag and it will be securely stored in the Front Office until the child collects their device at the end of the school day (3:10pm).

No electronic devices to be stored in Classrooms, School Bags or with the student.

Responses to non-compliance

Where students use a personal device at school without an approved exemption, or use it inappropriately, a response will be provided in line with the school's behaviour support policy.

- In the first instance, students will be verbally reminded to put their personal devices "to the off setting, and in the Front Office". If the student continues to use their device without permission, the teacher will ask the student to go to the Front Office and hand in their personal device (s) to be securely stored by staff. The student can collect their device (s) back from the Front Office at the end of the School Day (3:10pm)
- If a student does not hand in their mobile phone at the beginning of the day, it will be confiscated by a teacher or a

member of the leadership team to be stored in the office until 3:10pm (the end of the school day). The student may collect the device from the office. A message will be sent to parent/caregiver to inform them. Student will be given a rethink.

- Where a student repeatedly and intentionally breaches the requirements of this policy, or refuses to follow a staff member's direction to hand over a personal device that has been used inappropriately, a member of the school leadership team will contact home. Student will be given a rethink.

Where a student's misuse of personal devices is serious, it may be necessary for the school to consider responses in line with the department's suspension, exclusion and expulsion of students' procedure, or to contact South Australia Police if the behaviour is suspected to be illegal.

Exemptions

Exceptional circumstances

Individual students may have extenuating reasons for needing access to their personal device during school hours, such as where:

- the device is used to monitor or help manage a health condition
- the device is a negotiated adjustment to a learning program for a student with disability or learning difficulties
- the device is used for translation by a student with English as an additional language
- the student has extenuating personal circumstances that require them to have more ready access to their personal device, such as being a parent themselves or a primary carer to a younger sibling or unwell family member.

Please contact the school if you need to request an exemption due to exceptional circumstances. These requests will be considered by the principal (or delegate) on a case-by-case basis. If approved, the exemption will be recorded in the student's file or health care/learning plan as appropriate.

Supporting links

Other Balaklava Primary School policies and procedures that interact with our policy on student use of mobile phones and personal devices are:

- BPS Expectation poster – At School.

<https://balak7.sa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Balaklava-Primary-School-At-SchoolExpectations.pdf>

Communication and review

- Staff have discussed this policy and localised it to Balaklava Primary School in consultation with the BHS policy to ensure some level of consistency.
- SRC discussed the storage and misuse of devices sections, took it to class meetings and then made a proposal back to staff.
- The policy was shared in the BPS Newsletter with community having an opportunity to provide feedback. Governing Council were also given the opportunity to provide feedback.
- Feedback was acted upon and once again shared with staff for agreement.
- The policy will be taken back to Governing Council for ratification.

Review:

This policy will be reviewed mid 2024 and then biannually after that time. The policy will be accessible on our Website, Skoolbag and included in all new enrolment packs.

This policy is effective from May 2023.

Questions, concerns, and further information

This policy has been implemented by the school in line with the Department for Education's 'Student use of mobile phones and personal devices policy'. You can find more information about this policy, and links to further resources for parents about personal devices and online safety, on the department's website:

[Mobile phones and personal devices at school \(education.sa.gov.au\).](http://www.education.sa.gov.au/mobile-phones-and-personal-devices-at-school)

If you have any questions or concerns about the department's policy, you can contact the department at:

Email: education.customers@sa.gov.au or submit an online feedback form

Phone: Free call: 1800 088 158

Please contact the school directly to discuss the possibility of an exemption if your child has exceptional circumstances as outlined in this policy.



RETURN OF THE BOOK WEEK PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Reading and photography are two wonderful pastimes so let us combine them for a special Book Week competition.

The students choose the book they are currently reading or their favourite book and have a photo taken of themselves reading the book in a place connected to the book. Some ideas to stimulate the imagination:

- 'Henny Penny' – you might be reading in the chicken coop
- A book about gardening – you might be in your garden.
- 'Specky Magee' – you might be reading the book at Saturday footy
- A book about farming – you might be in a header.

Be creative and you can use props such as toys, pictures or other people to help make the location of the story come alive!



Here is Koha, reading Farm to the chickens!

To enter the competition either email your entry to Mrs Cleary at dl.0477.info@schools.sa.edu.au, along with the photo and make sure you include the title of the book. If you wish to print out your photo you can also do that and hand it into the front office. Students may enter more than one photo if they wish.

Entries can be submitted anytime up until **FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST (WEEK 4)**. Have fun. Prizes will be given out at the Week 6 assembly. Here are some of the creative entries from last year:



Remember you are never too young to start reading!



Numeracy is the ability and confidence to use mathematics in daily life.
You can help your child to build numeracy by noticing and talking mathematically about everyday things around you!

Babies

From the time your baby is born they are exploring their world. They use mathematical thinking as they crawl/throw objects or try to fit between things. Saying what they are doing helps them to match words to their movements, like "You are up high," "Roll over and over," and "Hide under the rug."

There are many things you can do at home to encourage numeracy learning.

- » Play games where things appear and disappear, like Peek-a-boo.
- » Add a variety of containers to the bath for your baby to fill, pour with and empty.
- » Hang up interesting objects for your baby to reach for, move towards and pull.
- » Sing songs that use language about position, direction and number like *Open shut them*, *Round and Round the Garden*, 3 Jellyfish and 5 *Little Monkeys*.
- » Set up an obstacle course for your baby to climb over, through and under.
- » Have containers and objects that can be stacked or that fit inside each other.
- » Help your baby to notice and wonder as each of you point to things on a walk or read picture books together.

For more ideas, take a look at these GreatStart activities.

- » [Playing with balls](#)
- » [Jumping over puddles](#)
- » [Moving with mats](#)
- » [Lying with my little eye](#)
- » [Rolling down the hill](#)
- » [Baby obstacle course](#)



Toddlers (2 to 3 yrs)

During this time your toddler's brain is growing and forming new pathways. By talking with your toddler as they touch and play with real objects you will be helping them begin meaning of mathematical ideas. They will soon begin to use mathematical words to describe what they are noticing and doing.

There are many things you can do at home to encourage numeracy learning.

- » Take a trip to the park and talk about the different ways you can move - going over/under, high/low, up/down, near/far.
- » Gather natural materials for sorting such as shells, sticks, stones or leaves.
- » Provide your child with water, sand or mud play. They will explore size, weight or number as they make mud cakes and notice depth as they play with holes or puddles.
- » Ask your child to help with the washing to match pairs of socks or find a matching item on a walk.
- » Ask your child to help you with the shopping by finding ingredients on the shelf or getting 2 of something.
- » Talk about the time of day and what things will happen next.
- » Encourage your child to build and stack things to explore size, shape, direction, number and space.

For more ideas, take a look at these GreatStart activities.

- » [We went walking](#)
- » [Collectors](#)
- » [Watering the garden](#)
- » [Pouring a drink](#)
- » [Friday night dance party](#)
- » [Setting the table](#)



Preschoolers (3 to 5 yrs)

During this time your child's brain is undergoing great changes. As they play with other children they are hearing and using mathematical words to solve a problem. They may be describing, sorting and comparing which is the biggest, or which group has more. When you think out loud your child will learn from the way you solve a problem.

There are many things you can do at home to encourage numeracy learning.

- » Encourage your child to help set the meal table and measure ingredients in cooking.
- » Have a family time to read books and play board games together.
- » Read advertising material together and hunt for things that are the same.
- » When enjoying a story or movie ask, "What might happen next?"
- » Make a repeating pattern with things you collect on a walk.
- » Notice and wonder about the weather, which puddle is the deepest, where your child's shadow goes, what is happening to some of the leaves.
- » Make a map of your yard and go on a treasure hunt.
- » Ask a question like, "How many bananas do we need so that everyone in the family can have one?"

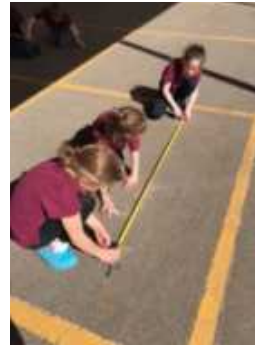
For more ideas, take a look at these GreatStart activities.

- » [How tall am I?](#)
- » [Where should we park?](#)
- » [Calendars](#)
- » [What is the weather today?](#)
- » [Planting a seed](#)
- » [How many do you think are in there?](#)

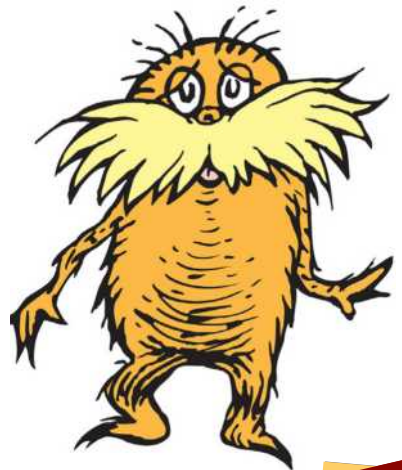


BER 1- MEASUREMENT & VISUAL ARTS

Ber 1 are learning about Measurement. They have been introduced to Centimetres. They have had a lot of fun measuring the length of their body as well as length and width of their heads, noses, arms, toes and Michele's finger nails!



As part of Visual Arts, the children participated in an Online Drawing class to draw the Lorax. It was a bit tricky trying to keep up.





MEET THE TEACHER

YEAR 2/3 TEACHER

Miss Durkay

ABOUT ME:

I have always lived in the Clare Valley. I was born at Clare Hospital and I am an only child. I went to St Joseph's Primary School, Clare High School and Loreto College.

In 2020 I started working at BPS where I had a Year 2/3 class.

Before working at BPS I travelled to France, Germany, Poland, Switzerland, California and Vancouver. I love spending time with my friends and family.

FUN FACTS:

- My middle name Rose is passed down from my Nana, 3 of my cousins have Rose as their middle name and have passed it down to their daughters.
- Mrs Thomas and I have been best friends since we were 4 years old.
- My last name is Czechoslovakian and we are the only Durkay's in Australia.
- My favourite movie is The Parent Trap, I can recite the whole movie.
- I have been to the top of the Eiffel Tower.

QUOTE:

"DON'T LET ANYONE DULL YOUR SPARKLE"



MEET THE TEACHER

SCIENCE TEACHER

Mrs Thomas

ABOUT ME:

I was born in Adelaide at the McLaren Vale hospital and moved to Clare when I was 3. I have 3 sisters, one is older and two are younger than me. I went to St Joseph's Primary School and Clare High School. I graduated university in 2019 and started working at BPS in 2020 where I had my first class.

Whilst at uni, I worked as a waitress at Mr Micks for 4 years. I have been married to my husband Patrick for almost 3 years and we have built a house and we have 1 son named Kai.

FUN FACTS:

- I love to go for long walks with my sisters and Miss Durkay.
- I read every night before I go to sleep.
- My favourite food is chocolate and my Mum's lasagne.
- My favourite movie is Titanic and for my 21st birthday my mum and I made a titanic cake.
- I have an obsession with buying new dresses.

QUOTE:

"Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know which one your going to get." - Forest Gump



CASUAL CLOTHES DAY



Let's have a bit of fun on the last day of Term 3 with a optional themed casual clothes day!



FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

(LAST DAY OF TERM 3)

Gold Coin Donation

THEME:

'DRESS LIKE A TEACHER'



MEET THE TEACHER

ARTS / TECH

Mrs Bushnell

ABOUT ME:

I was born in Adelaide and have lived down south up until five years ago when I moved to Balaklava. My love of the arts comes largely from my Nan and Grandma – one who loved musical theatre and pantomime, and another who learned the piano and loved classical music.

I am passionate, creative and energetic which can sometimes get me into trouble as I often mistake a suggestion as a five point plan that should have been in action weeks ago. However, the students seem to vibe off of my engagement and it's fun to see that over time, my sense of humour has rubbed off on many of them. For this, I apologise.

I am a firm believer in a growth mindset and having a go and I hope this mentality passes onto everyone I meet and teach. There is never a silly question and always a way to grasp a concept – some things might just take longer than others to understand.

FUN FACTS:

- I can play the piano, drums, double bass, bass guitar, ukulele, and sing.
- I am a coeliac (I cannot eat things with or that may contain gluten).
- My favourite time of day is when I get to make music with students.
- I engage best when colouring in or making simple crafts.
- I don't like how jelly feels – it's like someone caught a ghost and tried to solidify its insides.

QUOTE:

"Mistakes help me learn and grow"



The Arts

MUSIC NEWS



Balaklava Eisteddfod

A well done to all those who participated in last weeks Balaklava Eisteddfod. Thank you to those who came after school and helped the Eisteddfod prepare for the next day and to all the volunteers through the weekend.

The choir did a brilliant workshop with Jonathan Bligh. Their engagement and willingness to try new things was apparent as the students had to mimic throwing a 'weeeee' frisbee across the audience and doing squats whilst singing to impress the power of some of our vowels in parts of the songs.



On Friday before lunch we went to the Music Room to get ready. After everyone got ready we walked to the church and had a quick practice of our songs. We went up on stage I got abit scared. I also learnt a lot of things about the song that we sang, how to improve our singing and try not to get caught up with the actions.

- Jazleen

A huge round of applause to our "BPS Rockstars" who were amazing! These talented kids came second in their division and were amazing behind the scenes. With so many in Year 6, I'm going to miss so many of these remarkable performers. A week off of rehearsals to celebrate - you've earned it!

On Friday last week the Rock band went to the Town Hall to play at the Balaklava Eisteddfod. At the start I was nervous but at the end I was happy with our performance. We played against 3 other bands, Nazareth Year 5, Nazareth Year 6 and Faith. We came second overall and it was a fun day!

- Grace



Magic Millions

The Festival of Music is fast approaching. With our first rehearsal at Magic Millions around the corner, Year 5 and 6 students need to be prepared. Forms will go home this week clarifying all of the upcoming events and requirements. Please make sure you read over these thoroughly so that there are no surprises on the day.



Seesaw Portfolios

A reminder to parents that there are two Seesaw classes. One designed for parent communication and another that is used for Arts, Tech and occasionally other subject assignments. Should you wish to receive occasional updates with what your child is learning and how they are going in Technology and Arts, please let me know via Seesaw and I can add you to this hidden class.



Congratulations also to Willow, our only individual BPS student to complete in the Eisteddfod on Saturday. She received an Honorable Mention in one of her events.



READING AWARDS - JUNIOR PRIMARY

Reading Awards will be presented to our Junior Primary students for completing nights of home reading. There are awards for when students complete 25, 50, 75 and 100 nights of home reading!



Sophia, Hazel, Oliver, Zayne, Mahli, Luca and Jordan



Madison



Back Row (L-R): Aubree, Kaiden, Liam, Nellie, Nash and Eadie
Front Row (L-R): Leo, Melody, Chloe, Cj, Audrey and Derek



Cj



Matilda, Franklin, Hattie, Jed, Ryan and Jackson



Joanna and Felicity



Gus



Abby



Holly



Riley



Kyron

ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS - WEEK 2



Room 6
Hunter, Billy, Jyran & Jackson



Room 7
Ryan & Cj



Room 8
Adam & Zachary



Room 2
Ruby, Tamika, Mariah & Kendall



Ber 1
Boyd & Kaleah



Ber 2
Amber, Penelope & Noah



Ber 3
Elana, Jasmine & Archer



Ber 4
Lillian and Violet



Room 14a
Alexa, Oscar & Anthony



Room 18
Lachy & Morgan



Room 20
Hudson & Audrey

LEXILE AWARDS

BLUE



Back (L-R): Annabella, Halle, Amber, Oscar and India
Front (L-R): Danny, Rose, Mason and Brooke



Annabella

RED



Back (L-R): Annabella, Emilee, Caitlyn and Alana
Front (L-R): Sarah, Ella, Scarlett, Charlotte and Noah

BRONZE



Back (L-R): Lacey, Annabella, Caitlyn, Bodie and Patrick
Front (L-R): Ryan, Jack, Zoe and Evie



Cameron



Charlotte

LEXILE AWARDS

SILVER



Alivia and Zac

GOLD



Willow and Tim

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE AWARDS



Back Row (L-R): Jakob, Jack, Athena, Bradley, Caitlin, Bodie, Annabella, Chase, Delilah, Lexie, Sarah, India and Brooke

Front Row (L-R): Archer, Michelle, Ava, Penelope, Tate, Tamika, Aria, Eva, Nate, Tim, Jack and Lans



Jyran



Mahalia



Chloe



Holly



Hunter



Joe



Science Week

Monday 14th August - Friday 18th August
Week 4



COMMUNITY NEWS

WE WANT YOU!

OWEN SWIMMING POOL
WAR MEMORIAL
EST. 1964

OWEN SWIMMING POOL AGM

Updated Facility

MONDAY 21ST AUG 2023
7PM | OWEN ARMS HOTEL
NIBBLES PROVIDED - ALL WELCOME

DUBLIN CRICKET CLUB

Junior players wanted

U10's and U12's Friday nights
U14's and U16's Saturday mornings
Call Greg 0418 632 742
Or contact club via Facebook site

Term 3 Planner 2023

| 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 Newsletter | 28/7 |
| 2 | 31/7 | 1/8 | 2/8 | 3/8 | 4/8 Balaklava Eisteddfod 4th-5th Assembly 2:20pm |
| 3 | 7/8 | 8/8 Finance Mtg Gov Council Mtg | 9/8 SAPSASA Basketball Carnival - Balaklava | 10/8 Newsletter | 11/8 |
| 4 | 14/8 Science Week | 15/8 Nude Food Day | 16/8 | 17/8 Optional Science Showcase | 18/8 Assembly 2:20pm |
| 5 | 21/8 Book Week | 22/8 | 23/8 FOM Magic Millions | 24/8 Newsletter Bookweek Parade | 25/8 Kadina Basketball |
| 6 | 28/8 | 29/8 | 30/8 | 31/8 | 1/9 SAPSASA Athletics - Clare Assembly 2:20pm |
| 7 | 4/9 | 5/9 Strikers Visit R-4 | 6/9 | 7/9 Newsletter | 8/9 |
| 8 | 11/9 | 12/9 Finance Mtg Gov Council Mtg Book Fair | 13/9 | 14/9 | 15/9 Assembly 2:20pm |
| 9 | 18/9 | 19/9 | 20/9 | 21/9 Newsletter FOM Performance | 22/9 RE |
| 10 | 25/9 | 26/9 | 27/9 School Closure | 28/9 | 29/9 Casual Day 2:10pm Early Dismissal End of Term 3 |

BALAKLAVA SHOW - Saturday 23rd September

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