



Term 4 Week 7 ~ 30th November 2023

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Balaklava Primary School *newsletter*



All students and teachers had a great and fun day last Friday in our Colour Run!

Important Dates

DECEMBER

- 1st - PRC Pool Day
- 5th - Yr 5/6 Bounce
- Rm 2/ Ber 2: Barossa
Bowland
- 7th - Ber 1: Blyth Cinema
- 7th-8th - Yr 6 Transition - BHS
- 8th - JAM Band

- 11th - EOY Concert
- 13th - Reports go home
- 2024 Class Visits
- 14th - Yr 6 Graduation
- 15th - Last day of Term 4
2:10pm Early Dismissal

**HAVE A GREAT BREAK AND
SEE YOU ALL IN 2024!**

Assembly Timetable

Wk	Hosting Class	Presenting Classes
8	Ber 2	Ber 4, Ber 2, Rm 8

Week 8 Assembly

The last assembly for Term 4 will be held on Friday 8th Dec at 2:20pm.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education



From the Principal

Staffing

We are currently working to securing staffing for 2024. At the time of writing I can announce that the following contract teachers have secured a 12 month contract at BPS for 2024.

- Jess Fiegert
- Sam Otta
- Bec Houston
- Simone Garrard
- Kym Palka
- Sue-Ann De Vires

These contract teachers will join permanent teaching staff;

- Marcia Nowlan
- Emily Behn
- Wendy Richards
- Courtney Durkay
- Jenny Rowland
- Abby Silverman
- Jessica Bushnell
- Jo Michalanne
- Kerri Blackwell

During Week 9, we will be saying a very sad farewell to Maddy Marks, Andrew Jettner, Kat Brooke and Vivienne Churchett.

Confirmation of class structures and who will be teaching each class will be included in the Week 9 newsletter and sent home in the class placement letter.

Transition

It was wonderful to meet all of our 2024 start of year Reception students at Transition over the last two weeks. We certainly have lots of brave children who were happy to wave goodbye to their parents. We look forward to you joining us at BPS in 2024.

NICE TO MEET YOU



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COLOUR RUN

Colour Run

Wow, what a fantastic day. Thank you to everyone who worked both behind the scenes in the lead up to the event, and on the day to make it such a wonderful success. Everyone who participated had a fantastic day. We look forward to finalising a figure of how much we raised. Prizes will be sent home next week.

**2024 CLASS VISITS
&
REPORTS GO HOME**
Wednesday 13th Dec – Week 9

End of Year Reports and Class Placements

Your child's End of Year Report will go home in a sealed envelope addressed to you on Wednesday 13th December. Teachers are currently working on the class placement process. Changes to placement are not possible once classes are set. Many factors are considered and moving any one child impacts other classes. Students will have the opportunity to visit their new class in Week 9 and will then bring a letter home advising you of their new class.

Year 6 Graduation

THURSDAY 14TH DEC
WEEK 9

BPS OSU WELL, 6:15PM FOR 6:30PM START

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

Wednesday 13th Dec (Week 9)

'DRESS LIKE A GARDNER'

As we say goodbye to Geoff & Kevyna Gardner, our grounds keepers as they start their retirement, we thought what a fun idea it would be to dress up.

No gold coin donation





We hope you can join us for the End of Year Celebration on Monday 11th December. The event is a lovely way to celebrate a year of learning. The 11 raffle hampers are drawn at this event. We ask all students to donate one non-perishable item each for their classroom hamper. All donations can be dropped into the Front Office.

Raffle books were sent home with the Newsletter in Week 3. Additional raffle books can be collected from the Front Office.

We ask that ALL books are returned by Monday (prior to the celebration) regardless of if you have sold them or not.

This is our final fundraiser for the year. Thank you for your continued support.

RE

RE visited on Friday Week 5. We thank them for their continued support.



CFS Visits

On Wednesday 29th November we had some special guests from the Balaklava Country Fire Service visit the BER 3 classroom. Sharon Higgins and Sam Gutteridge talked to the children about the volunteer work they do for our community. Here is what the students had to say about our visitors:

Aria N: The littlest fire they saw was a barbecue and the biggest was at Cudlee Creek.

Tate G: My mum came in to speak to us.

Jack N: I learnt to duck and go on the ground.

Sage F: They save people's lives and help them.

Georgia M: I loved looking at all the gear they use for protection in fires.

Chloe MCP: They are like superheroes because they save people's lives.

Nate H: Firefighters are brave.

Jack D: They wear special clothes so they don't get burnt.

Rose P: They are special to our community because they are firefighters.

Lucy H: They wear different cloths for different situations.

Bradley K: Sharon has four kids.

Lans H: Their clothes looked super amazing.

Tim B: Sharon and Sam deserve medals!

Maddox M: The gloves help firefighters not touch chemicals.

Fred L: The helmet has a protector thing [visor] but they have goggles too.

Wyatt S: Firefighter boots are thick.

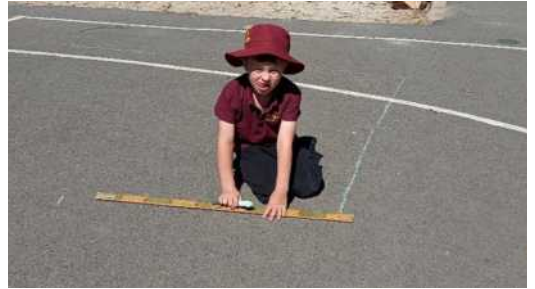
Fletcher R: In a house fire you should crawl on your knees and go out the door.

Archer W: Different hoses hold a different amount of water.

Hayley D: They put out fires.



ROOM 6 NEWS



BCCC TRANSITION FOR 2024 RECEPTION STUDENTS



COLOUR RUN 2023



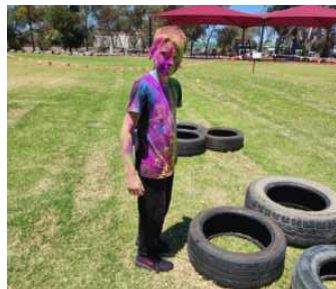
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Special thanks to Nikki McCracken for taking photos!



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PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

POOL PARTY

FRIDAY 1ST DEC - WEEK 7

TOMORROW



BALAKLAVA SWIMMING POOL

MORE INFORMATION HAS BEEN SENT HOME EARLIER THIS WEEK

YR 5/6 EXCURSION

BOUNCE INC

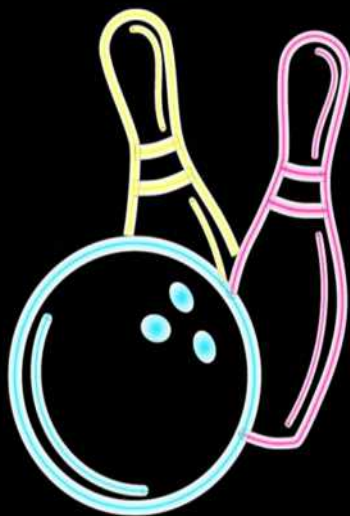
FREE SPIRITS UNLEASHED

TUESDAY 5TH DEC
WEEK 8

BER 2 / Rm 2 EXCURSION

**BAROSSA
BOWLAND**

TUESDAY 5TH DEC
WEEK 8



BER 1 EXCURSION



THURSDAY 7TH DEC
WEEK 8



HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION FOR 2024 STUDENTS

EXPLORE

Balaklava High School

TRANSITION EVENING



Thursday 30th of November

5.30 pm to 6.45 pm



Balaklava High School

Meet at Performing Arts



All Welcome

This is your chance to hear about the school, the curriculum, Year 7 expectations, and communication methods. Best of all you will be introduced to some of the Year 7 homegroup and subject teachers along with an informal opportunity to speak with staff and enjoy a sausage sizzle.

We can't wait to see the families of Year 6 students!

Call the front office to RSVP for catering purposes 88620600.

***Transition Days: 7th & 8th of December.**



BALAKLAVA HIGH SCHOOL

Important - Please note: Students are able to attend the Transition Days **ONLY** if their Enrolment Pack has been completed and returned.

Things to check before returning Enrolment Pack:

- Student to sign Student Code of Conduct
- Student to sign School Laptop and ICT Agreement
- Parent/Caregiver to Sign as indicated
- Proof of Identity - e.g. Birth Certificate
- Proof of Place of Residence - e.g. Utilities Bill with your name and residential address
- Medication Agreement/CarePlan if necessary

Thank for your attention to these details, if they cannot be supplied at the time of lodgement, please provide at your earliest convenience. *We look forward to welcoming you to our school.*

WONDER RECYCLING REWARDS - BREAD BAGS



THANKYOU! For participating in Wonder Recycling Rewards!

We are so proud of what we have achieved together! We have now recieved our prize which is new sport equipment. Thank you to everyone who donated their old bread bags.

CHOIR AWARDS



Thankyou to all students who participated in Choir for 2023.

- Zac
- Levi
- Laura
- Dylan
- Caleb
- Annabella
- Caitlin
- Ella
- Alana
- Jasmine
- Audrey
- Ilka
- Jazleen
- Lily
- Logan
- Matt
- Ryan
- Scarlet

Christmas Activities

Everyday Christmas Craft

16th to 22nd December, 2023

Snow Globe

Wednesday 20th December, 2023

Reindeer Baubles

Thursday 21st December, 2023

Robalava Community Library



Summer HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2023 - 2024

DECORATE THE CHRISTMAS COOKIE

These adorable Christmas Cookies can be decorated over and over again. But are not to be eaten. A fun little decorative game for age +3

HEY DOODLE MAT - JINGLE BELLS

Practice writing the number figures whilst counting to find all items corresponding to it.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

Mon - Fri 9:00AM - 4:30 PM

(closed for lunch 1 - 2PM)
Saturday 9AM - 12PM



NINTENDO FUN

You can now book in to use our Nintendo Switch Lites with two new games to play - Bluey & Paw Patrol

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

23rd December 2023 -
7th January 2024

Library staff would like to wish you a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.



SUMMER TIME CRAFT

Mondays & Tuesdays

Wind Chimes

Wednesdays

Bleeding Tissue Paper Bookmarks

Thursdays & Fridays

Paper Tree

EVERYDAY FUN

Magna Tiles

Kinetic Sand

Puzzles

Lego

Learn to draw

Magic Painting World

BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS



END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

BBO & PRESHOW STARTS 5:30PM. CONCERT STARTS 6:30PM
MONDAY THE 11TH DECEMBER

**ALL
WELCOME!**

**BBQ, DRINKS AND
DOUGHNUTS
AVAILABLE TO
PURCHASE!**



THEN SETTLE BACK ON THE OVAL TO ENJOY THE PERFORMANCE



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

FRIDAY 15TH DEC 2023

2:10PM EARLY DISMISSAL

HAVE A GREAT BREAK AND WE WILL SEE YOU IN 2024!



BALAKLAVA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

FIRST DAY OF
SCHOOL FOR 2024
MONDAY
JAN 29



Dear Parent/Caregiver, **in your January pack you will receive:**

- 2024 M&S Charge invoice per student
- 2024 Info-tech levy invoice per student - **4th and subsequent students** are exempt
- 2024 Water Safety consent form/per student & 2024 Swim levy invoice per student
- 2024 Performances levy invoice per student - **4th and subsequent students** are exempt
- 2024 School Card online application form information. **Available at** [School Card scheme](#) page on the SA GOV website **opening mid January 2024.**
- Tips & Reminders
- Audiri & Qkr instructions
- Communication App information
- School Expectations
- Nut & Seed Aware School information

Plus where applicable:

- 2024 Yr 6 Aquatics Camp total invoice.
- 2024 Yr 4 & Yr 5 Camp deposit invoice **TBC**
- 2024 Yr 6 Magazine
- Statement of credits with and/or any outstanding amounts owed to BPS

**REGISTRATION DAYS: for ALL students as per outdoor car lanes
January 2024 Tues. 23rdth 9am-2pm**

NB: EXPRESS LANE Click and Collect for those who have made prior payment / School Card application & have forms completed.

Payment can be made in the following ways:

- **Cash or cheque** (made payable to Balaklava Primary School) - **Eftpos**
- **Qkr.** - **Direct Debit** to: BSB: 065 000 Account: 12133346
- **Phone** on the 24th, 25th & 27th January 2024 - **Instalments** by arrangement with office staff.

Registration Packs will be issued immediately following the Payment of Fees **OR** Completion of 2024 SCHOOL CARD form **OR** the Payment of \$55/student and INSTALMENT PLAN AGREEMENT signed.

2024 Materials & Services plus Extras, Ready Reckoner per family

	1 student	2 students	3 students	4 students
M&S	290	580	870	1160
ICT levy	10	20	30	30
Swimming levy	15	30	45	60
Performances levy	30	60	90	90
less 2024 M&S Rebate	-100	-200	-300	-400
TOTAL	245	490	735	940
*less early pay discount	-5	-10	-15	-20
TOTAL before 2/2/24 *	240	480	720	920
TOTAL after 2/2/24	245	490	735	940
School Card families	1 student	2 students	3 students	4 students
M&S	0	0	0	0
ICT levy	10	20	30	30
Swimming levy	15	30	45	60
Performances levy	30	60	90	90
TOTAL	55	110	165	180
Additional Payments				
Yr 6 students	approx.\$130/stu	Aquatics camp deposit \$30 by 2nd Feb		
Yr 6 students	\$30/stu	Magazine optional – payment by end of T3		
Yr 4 & 5 students	approx.\$180/stu	camp deposit \$20 by 2nd Feb venue TBC		
Yr 6 students	\$40/stu	POLOSHIRT – size, order & pay at TADS by 9th Feb		



BE OUR BEST - SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL

In Term 4, students have been looking at social-emotional blockers such as; worry/anxiety, feeling down, anger, not paying attention and procrastination. They are called blockers as they block our road to success and happiness.

In BOB lessons, students listen to stories about characters experiencing blockers and develop ideas to overcome them. Throughout the week, students have been using these strategies to overcome blockers that were affecting their schoolwork, homework or playing/working with classmates.



'When I'm feeling down, I tell myself to think about nice things like fluffy unicorns and funny things like fire-breathing chickens' Alivia B.

When procrastinating 'I tell myself just to do my work so I can finish it and go out and play. I'm proud of myself when I finish my work' Khaleesi D.

Teachers also discussed that sometimes the brain is full of busy thoughts that are jumping around and moving all over the place. It can feel like we can't control our brain, and it's racing around and working all on its own, full of thoughts whether we want it to be or not. This happens to everyone from time to time and when it does, we can say we have a 'busy brain'. Students learned two things they can do and two things they can say to calm a busy brain. During the week, the students practiced using these strategies when they noticed their mind was preoccupied. They then discussed with the class what they liked and didn't like about these strategies.

Eva McC from Ber 4 tells herself to just focus and has a few deep breath, if it doesn't work I would tell my brain that I can only do one thing at a time. - *Michelle P*

COMMUNITY GARDEN PLUS A BIT OF FUN



PREPARING FOR A BUSHFIRE



Help us keep your child safe this fire danger season:



Make a bushfire survival plan and practice with your family.



Provide your school or preschool with your up-to-date contact details.



Review who is authorised to collect your child on your behalf.



Advise your school or preschool if your family's personal bushfire survival plan will impact school attendance.



Like the CFS, SES and SAPOL Facebook pages.



Call the emergency information hotline 1800 000 279 for information if the school or preschool is threatened by a bushfire.



Identify your local radio station that broadcasts emergency information.



Read and save the 'Bushfire and your child's school or preschool' brochure.

To access the Bushfire and your child's school or preschool brochure, search 'bushfire information' on the Department for Education website: www.education.sa.gov.au

Preparing for a bushfire

Our **school/preschool** has detailed plans in place to keep your child safe on catastrophic fire days or in the event of a bushfire.

To help us keep your child as safe as possible, parents and caregivers can prepare for the fire danger season by:

- making a bushfire survival plan with your family
- providing us with your up-to-date contact details
- advising the school/preschool if your family's personal bushfire survival plan will impact school attendance
- talking to your child about what will happen in a bushfire emergency
- liking the CFS, SES and SAPOL pages on Facebook
- adding the emergency information hotline 1800 000 279 to your contacts.

Parents and caregivers should also read and save the new [bushfire and your child's school or preschool](#) brochure. This resource explains what our **school/preschool** will do on a catastrophic fire day or in the event of a fire.

Get the brochure by searching 'bushfire information' on www.education.sa.gov.au.





Balaklava
Christmas
Pageant

FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER
5:45 - 8PM

PARADE STARTS @ COMMUNITY
CHILDRENS CENTRE- 15 SCOTLAND ST

SANTA CAVE OPENING 6-8PM
ACTIVITIES & FOOD AND PAGEANT PRIZES
GALORE!

DJ MUSIC
JUMPING CASTLE
FACE PAINTERS
BALLOON ARTIST
HENNA TATTOOS
LIONS DUMPLITS



Owen Xmas
Street Party

Sunday 24th December 2023

6.00pm
Main Street, Owen

Please join us for a Xmas celebration in Owen.
Food, drink, Jumping Castle, kids bags, parade &
just fun. Bring your own chair & enjoy the
festivities.

Proudly sponsored by the Owen Community Centre
Committee.

For further information ring Mary-Ann - 0438 272 139



BALAKLAVA
COMMUNITY CAROLS

Children's choir

FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 + WHO LOVE TO
SING

REHEARSALS TUESDAY 28TH NOV, 5TH DEC
& 12TH DEC

3:30-4:30 BALAKLAVA UNITING CHURCH
HALL.

CAROLS TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 17TH

FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND TO REGISTER
PLEASE CONTACT
RACHEL JENKINS
0400254180



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Term 4 Planner 2023

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	16/10	17/10	18/10	19/10 Newsletter	20/10 Principal Tour 11am
2	23/10	24/10 Principal Tour 1:30pm	25/10	26/10	27/10
3	30/10	31/10 Finance Mtg Gov Council Mtg	1/11 Dental Therapist Rm 6/7	2/11 Newsletter	3/11
					
4	6/11	7/11 Childrens Uni Graduation	8/11 Rm 6/7 Zoo Visit	9/11 Dijeribone Performance Year 3 Sleepover	10/11 Ber 3/4 Excursion TBC Remembrance Day (Sat 11/11)
5	13/11	14/11 BCCC: School Tour - 1pm BCCC: Parent Meeting 2pm	15/11 Bus Mtg	16/11 BCCC: School Tour - 1pm BCCC: Parent Meeting 2pm Newsletter	17/11 COLOUR RUN RE
6	20/11	21/11 BCCC Transition till 12pm Finance Mtg Gov Council Mtg	22/11	23/11 BCCC Transition till 1:30pm Yr 6 BBQ Disco TBC	24/11 Student Free Day
7	27/11	28/11 BCCC Transition all day	29/11	30/11 Newsletter	1/12 Pool Day - PRC
8	4/12	5/12 Yr 5/6 Bounce Ber 2/Rm 2 Barossa Bowland	6/12	7/12 Ber 1 Blyth Cinema BHS Transition 	8/12 JAM Band
9	11/12 EOY Concert	12/12	13/12 Reports go home 2024 Class Visits	14/12 Newsletter Yr 6 Graduation	15/12 Last Day of Term 4 2:10pm Early Dismissal

Meetings		SAPSASA		Student Free Days		Excursions	
Fundraising		Incursions		Assemblies			