







Term 4 Week 9 - 15th Dec 2023

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Balaklava Primary School newsletter





From the Principal

I cannot quite believe we have reached the end of another school year. The year seems

to have flown by. As I look back on the year, we certainly have packed it full of wonderful learning opportunities both in the classroom and outside of the classroom. No wonder the students, families and staff are exhausted.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

End of Year Celebration

Who would have thought....The cancellation of buses on Friday due to a Catastrophic Fire Danger day, to the storm that threatened the End of Year Celebration and altered bus runs due to road conditions, it's been a whirlwind last 7 days.

There are so many people that I need to thank in regards to the End of Year Celebration. With the predicted rain, we knew that if it arrived, the oval was going to be very soggy and the truck trailer would not be able to park on the oval. Back up plans began to be thrown around. On Monday morning, after having significant rain Sunday and the thunderstorms, we knew that the traditional location of the oval was certainly NOT an option.

Thank you firstly to the Balaklava High School for rescheduling their day on Monday so that the gym was available for us to set up and rehearse. Thank you to the high school students for setting up the chairs. Your flexibility and willingness to do anything you could to help was very much appreciated.

Thank you to BHS and Balaklava Community Arts for loaning us drama blocks for out makeshift stage.

Thank you Marty for being our MC again this year. You never fail to entertain the crowd with your jokes.

Thank you Karl Holzberger who spent the day setting up and

testing the sound. We were so very lucky to be able to hear so well over the rumblings of thunder.

Thank you to Heidi Zerk who set up the stage, helped facilitate borrowing drama blocks from BHS and Balaklava Community Arts and stayed all day to ensure the rehearsal went smoothly. Heidi has been a long time supporter of the BPS Music Program. Her organisation, forward thinking and commitment has been second to none. We thank Heidi for all her countless volunteer hours. This is Heidi's last year as a parent of a BPS student, you are going to leave very big shoes to fill. Thank you Heidi, we appreciate all that you have done so very much.

Thank you to all of our staff and parents who dropped everything to help move to our new location (or offered to come and help).

It was unfortunate that we couldn't have Lisa's Lattes, the BBQ and the Lions Donuts but we could not provide a safe, outdoor location for our families to eat.

While we understand not everyone could make it to the celebration due to the weather, we still had a wonderful crowd. The students loved performing in front of you all and from all accounts, those who attended enjoyed the show. It was also great to have so much support for our students at the Pre-show entertainment. Our students certainly are amazingly talented.

Thank you to everyone who helped to clean up both on the night



and the following morning, it was very much appreciated.

Thank you to all of the families who donated goods for the class hampers and also everyone who sold tickets. The winners certainly were appreciative of their large prize.

I would like to reiterate what Ali Tiller, PCC chair said and thank our outgoing families who have actively sat on committees over the years while their children were at BPS but are now moving on due to their youngest child graduating. Thank you to all families who are finishing their time at BPS but in particular the following people:

- Heidi Zerk
- Melissa Smith
- Angela Battle
- Kerry Michalanney
- Jo Michalanney
- Sonja Gangell
- Lauren March
- Irene Toholke

Please see photographs of our EOY Concert inside the newsletter on pages 22 - 26.



Farewell

During this week, we have said a sad farewell to Vivienne, Eileen, Andrew, Kat, Jess and Maddy.

Vivienne Churchett has been our Aboriginal Education Teacher this year. In this role, Vivienne has worked one day a week with our First Nations students. All of our students look forward to Tuesdays and have achieved some wonderful things with Vivienne.



Vivienne has been instrumental working with the students to write our BPS Acknowledgment to Country and we are currently eagerly awaiting an artist to provide us with a digital copy of this which we will then retro fit into our original BPS sign at the front of the School. Vivienne has also worked with the students to create clay tiles and these will form part of a mural to be located near the rebound wall. This is to be installed over the holidays so we look forward to sharing it with you in the new year.



Vivienne has had strong connections to BPS for a number of years so we know that she will keep in close contact. We would like to wish Vivienne all the very best in her new role at Peterborough Primary School.

BPS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
Written by the First Nations Students at BPS

We are aware that we are meeting and learning on the land where Kaurna people have lived for thousands of years.

We respect that their connections to this land and their cultural beliefs are still as important today as they will be in the future.

We promise to look after all the living creatures and plant life whose survival depends on the waters, air and environment of Kaurna country.



Eileen Patterson has worked with us one day a week this year to release Maddy and Bec who are Early Career Teachers. Eileen has provided valuable support to both Bec and Maddy while working hard to build strong relationships with students.



Elleen has also been studying nursing while teaching. We wish you all the very best as you finish your studies and move into a new career.

Andrew Jettner has worked in Rm 8 for the last two terms as we have looked for additional ways to support the students in the Disability Unit. Andrew is always willing to lend a hand and is the first to ask how he can



help. The students have enjoyed learning alongside of Andrew, particularly making rockets and using a launcher pump. Andrew has been very flexible and rolls with the multiple changes that take place daily. He has been a fantastic support for one of our students transitioning to the DU in Clare. We look forward to Andrew returning in 2024 as one of our regular TRT's

Kat Brooke has also worked in Rm 8 since term 2. Kat is always full of energy, enthusiasm and bringing with her a great range of teaching supplies each day. She has taken the students



on a culinary journey, cooking foods such as Tom Yum, Kimichi and Miso soup as well as lots of other delicious delights. Kat is passionate about getting down to the level of the students and trying to meet their needs. We have appreciated Kat's flexibility and willingness to see alternative options. We look forward to Kat continuing with us as a regular TRT in 2024.

Maddy Marks has been a wonderful addition to our staff this year. There hasn't been a staff member on site who hasn't been able to have a conversation and laugh with Maddy. She has worked tirelessly to



create a supportive, nurturing learning environment for her students. She has built strong relationships with the students and their parents as well as our staff. We are extremely sad to see Maddy leave but we know that Auburn Primary School will embrace her.

GOOD BYE & GOOD LUCK!

Jess Daniel is a wealth of knowledge and has worked alongside of staff to develop strategies and resources to help support our students with Autism. She has ran trainings for staff to gain a greater understanding of Autism. We



appreciate Jess's passion and advocacy. We wish Jess all the very best for 2024 as she takes a step back from teaching to help on the family farm.

We wish Kasey Jenner all the very best. Kasey has been on leave from BPS in 2023, teaching at Auburn Primary School and has now had her permanency transferred to Auburn.





CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Farewell to the Year 6 students

Graduation is a special milestone. Some of our graduating students have been with us since Reception and some only a short time. We have enjoyed working with all of the students and have been honoured to be a part of their learning journey. Graduation is a proud moment for families as well as staff.

For some of these famililes, it is the end of their involvement with BPS, as their youngest is graduating. Our thanks to you for your support of us throughout the years that your children have been at BPS.

We wish our graduating Year 6 students all the very best in their secondary education and for the future.

Academic Award

Congratulations to Riley Michalanney, recipient of the Year 6 Penny Pratt MD Academic Award

Riley displays a positive attitude when completing his PAT M, PAT R and class tests. Riley shines when playing sport at school, SAPSASA as he is a team player and celebrates the success of others.

Throughout his upper primary years, Riley has shown much talent in his Maths with the ability to quickly grasp new concepts recalling and transfering his knowledge when faced with a problem.

He is very quick to calculate, displaying strong automaticity skills. Riley also shows strength with his reading and writing, in particular with his skills to analyse different text types that include metalanguage.

This year Riley has achieved high grades in most of his subjects, by completing all class tasks and handing his work in on time. Riley has also displayed leadership skills and his organisation of the basketball competition was also appreciated by his peers.

Congratulations to Riley.





Masonic Lodge Award

The criteria for the Masonic Lodge awards is

- Positive Attitude
- Puts effort in all areas
- Consistent effort in work and behaviour
- Community orientated, helpful and respectful
- Consistently displays School values.

Lexie is a highly motivated student that strives to do her best in both school and outside of school settings. Lexie makes a conscious effort to make good choices, consistently following school and classroom rules.

This year, she has kept up to date while taking on leadership roles within the school, and supporting leadership with putting her hand up to take on extra duties.

Some of the events she has helped organise are the House sports competitions as well as umpire them, SAC uniform committee, House team quiz. She has taken on additional crossing duties and shows initiative with checking in with school staff with how she can support the community. Outside the school community, she is keen to get involved with multiple sports both at her club and at SAPSASA events and attends working bees for the Balaklava Sports Club.

Congratulations to Lexie.



Rowan Ramsay School Community Award

At the end of year celebration we announced our Rowan Ramsay MP School Community Award for 2023. Hayden Battle was our very worthy recipient of this award.

Hayden always puts his hand up to volunteer for Grounds and Fundraising jobs. He has dedicated time before work, after work and on weekends to ensure jobs at school are done as a priority. Hayden has been an active member of committees for a number of years and has committed his time and support to the school for the past 14 years.

We thank Hayden for all the effort he has put in to the school whilst his children have attended BPS.

We will miss him dearly as he finishes the last week as a parent of a BPS Student.

Congratulations Hayden on such a derserving award.





Minister of Education Volunteering Award

The other award that we announced at the end of year celebration was the Minister of Education Volunteering Award for outstanding service to Balaklava Primary School. Melissa Smith is the recipient of this years award.

Melissa has been an active member and volunteer at BPS for a very long time.

Melissa is a wealth of knowledge of all things PCC and is always relied upon to explain to new members how things run. Melissa is always involved in all fundraising events, usually on the other side of the counter serving. We have always appreciated her willingness to volunteer Trent to cook the BBQ.

The level of commitment to our parent body has been nothing short of amazing. Melissa works at the grass routes level. She has been instrumental in reviewing our events and, along with Jenny Young, instigated the set up of the Volunteers Facebook page.

Melissa's effort with volunteering and supporting BPS through her years as a parent has been outstanding. We are sad to say farewell as her youngest child graduates from BPS.

We thank Melissa for her huge efforts, she leaves big shoes to fill.

Congratulations Melissa on this well deserved award. You will truly be missed.



EOY RAFFLE

Thank you to all of the families and a couple of very generous community members who donated goods to plug some large hamper holes to ensure all hampers looked fanastic. Special thanks to Sue Jones who especially comes in to wrap them so beautifully.



Congratulations to our following Raffle Winners,

- Helen Petch
- Barry Lockwood
- Glenda
- Jenny McArdle
- Duane Wilson
- Joan Lewis
- Emily Hoepner
- Kirsteen Calder
- Sid Harkness
- Henry Reinke
- Julie Mc



Special Thanks

Thankyou to Marg Lange (Aunty Marg) for coming in weekly to hear Room 6 children read. We love having her in our class and really appreciate her time and interest.

We also thank Helen Bruce for her ongoing time working with our students.

Rooms 6 and 7 would like to thank Pengilly Transport for their support this year. It was greatly appreciated.

2024 TERM DATES

Term 1

Monday 29th Jan - Friday 12th April

Term 2

Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July

Term 3

Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September

Term 4

Monday 14th October - Friday 13th December





2024 LEADERSHIP



Principal Dianna Jarman



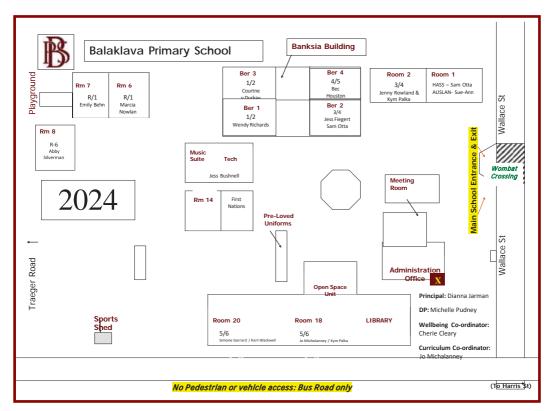
Deputy Principal Michelle Pudney



Wellbeing Coordinator Cherie Cleary



Curriculum Coordinator Jo Michalanney



2024 CLASS STRUCTURES



Room 6 R/1 Marcia Nowlan



Room 7 R/1 Emily Behn



Room 8 R-6 Abby Silverman



Ber 1 1/2 Wendy Richards



Ber 3 1/2 Courtney Durkay



Room 2 3/4 Kym Palka



Room 2 3/4 Jenny Rowland



Ber 2 3/4 Jess Fiegert



Ber 2 3/4 & HASS Sam Otta



Ber 4 4/5 Bec Houston



Room 18 5/6 Jo Michalanney



Room 18 5/6 Kym Palka



Room 20 5/6 Simone Garrard



Room 20 5/6 & PE Kerri Blackwell



Room 1 Auslan Sue-Ann de Vries



Room 16 Technologies/ The Arts Jessica Bushnell

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

Anthony Krahnert was very proud to be supporting the Leukaemia Foundation in the World's Greatest Shave on the last day of school for 2023! This important fundraiser helps to raise money to find a cure for blood cancers. Students and staff watched and cheered him on, as his mum shaved his hair. Anthony will donate his hair for wig making and the shorter parts will be used to help with oil spills. We congratulate Anthony for raising \$1500.













JAM BAND

















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Premier's Reading Challenge Rewards Day 2023





Our big term in BER 2!

We've had such a big term! We had camp, an excursion, lunchtime basketball competitions, joined the audience for the Year 12 SACE music assessments, colour run, Didjeribone performance, PRC pool day, Jam band, end of year concert, and so much more! This is all on top of all the wonderful learning we've been focusing on across the term. It's been a big term, but everyone has done such a fabulous job adapting to changes and expectations. Here are some comments from the class about their favourite moments of the term:

This term I really enjoyed pouring honey as an experiment in maths and doing my research project in geography about Bolivia - Ella

This term I have enjoy art because we made birds and made stencils which I really enjoyed doing - Charlee

I have enjoyed playing fitness with my friends and I have also enjoyed doing maths on the ipad. I also enjoyed camp because I liked the food - Zac

I enjoyed playing fitness because there's lots of fun games and we have a fair bit of time outside - Sid

This term I liked going to Barossa Bowland and bowling because it was fun - Caleb

I enjoyed camp because there was lots of fun stuff there to do - Laura

I really enjoyed bowling and golf on our excursion because it was really fun - Amber

This term I have enjoyed everything because it has all been fun and it was awesome

- Dante

I liked doing danish outside for fitness, but I didn't like running because I'm too lazy - Tobias

I have enjoyed getting my work done, getting help from Sheralyn, Mr Otta, Mrs Fiegert and finally reading my books - Kaiden

I have liked playing PE and hanging out with my friends - Ryder

I have enjoyed our learning in math - Clay

This term I have liked camp because it was fun. I also enjoyed going on our excursion in Week 8 because I really enjoyed bowling. I liked going to the pool for our PRC reward too - Coby

I have enjoyed our excursion in Week 8 because we got to go and do bowling and mini golf - Anekah

I have enjoyed that I'm being challenged more and having a lot of fun - Cameron

I have enjoyed learning about natural resources in geography and literacy because I think it has helped me improve - Scarlett

I liked maths because we learned about times tables and it was fun. Also, fitness was great - Noah

This term I enjoyed learning about chunking in maths to solve number problems and working with place value - Ricky

This term I enjoyed bowling because it was really fun and it was my first time doing it - Casey

I enjoyed doing my geography project about Greece and doing PE - Athena

This term I liked going on camp because I got to spend time with my friends in other classes - Madi

This term I have liked maths because I just like the subject - Declan

ACEO News

Dear parents and caregivers,

This is my last day for the year at Balaklava PS. Its been a pleasure meeting you and the students here at BPS. I wont be available again now until school starts in term one of 2024.

Any ideas and suggestions you have regarding connection opportunities would be welcome and if you are able to find any information regarding the children's cultural heritage it would be a great way to connect them to

Country. That information is invaluable, and very much appreciated if you would like to share with me in 2024.

I would like to wish you all a great break and a happy holiday season. Take care and I look forward to reconnecting next year.

Here are some numbers if anyone finds themselves in need of Social and Emotional Wellbeing Crisis and Support Service

13YARN (139276) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Crisis line

Brother to Brother 1800 435 799 For Aboriginal men who need someone to talk to about relationship issues, family violence, parenting, substance issues, or struggling to cope Lifeline 131114

Kids Helpline 1800 551 800 Suicide callback 1300 659 467 Qlife-LGBTIQ+Helpline 1800 184 527

Didjurigura (Thank you, in Dharug) Julie McNamara - ACEO

REGISTRATION DAY 2024



For all students per outdoor car lanes

TUESDAY 23RD JAN 9AM - 2PM

NB: Express lane click & collect for those who have made prior payment / school card application and have forms complete.

Ber 2 & Rm 2 - Barossa Bowland Excursion













Last Tuesday the students in Mrs Fiegert's and Mr Otta's class and Mrs Rowland's and Mr Palka class travelled to Tanunda to Barossa Bowland to partake in Putt Putt golf and Ten pin bowling. We had a great day and enjoyed our lunch in between the two activities. Thanks to Katie Urwin, Kelvin Tiller and Marty Brice for volunteering to accompany us on this trip.

RM 18 & 20 BOUNCE EXCURSION







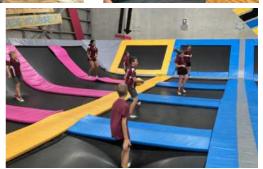
On Tuesday December 5 the three year 5/6 classes went to Bounce for our end of year celebration. Students had a great time bouncing around, climbing things, on the flying fox, playing dodge ball and shooting hoops. On the way home we stopped at McDonalds' to refuel. It was a fun day out.









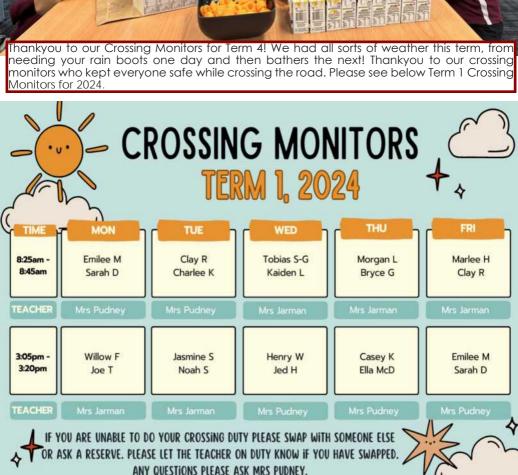






Term 4 Crossing Monitors Party





ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE ASK MRS PUDNEY.















































































'DRESS LIKE A GARDNER'











On Wednesday this week we had a "Dress like a Gardner" casual clothes day at school.

We farewelled our Gardner gardeners we are so going to miss all the love and care you show our grounds.

Your passion and dedication is reflected in the hundreds of glowing comments we recieve on our beautiful site you have managed, planted, watered, replanted, repaired, mown and so much more.

It will be a big adjustment to accept you are not here to fix and pretty BPS.

We hope you enjoy your retirement!

'DRESS LIKE A GARDNER'



















Congratulations Children's Uni graduates of 2023!

Assembly Award Winners - Week 8





















Room 20 Mason & Jasmine

Lexile Awards

Blue



Red



Bronze



Silver



Home Reading Awards

25 Nights



50 Nights



75 Nights



100 Nights

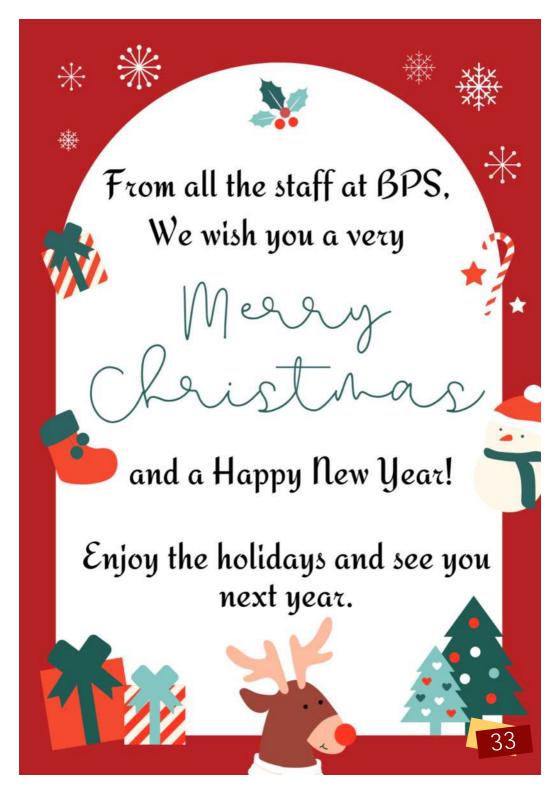


125 Nights



300 Nights







REGISTRATION **D**AYS 2024



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 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

Please keep your eye out for the January mail out which includes this information about Registration Days as well as invoices and important information for the 2024 school year.

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.

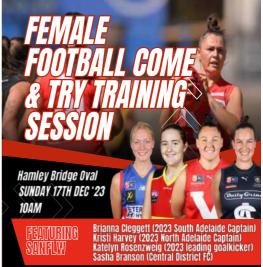
2024 Materials & Services plus Extras, Ready Reckoner per family

	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 *	<mark>240</mark>	<mark>480</mark>		<mark>720</mark>		<mark>920</mark>
TOTAL after 2/2/24	<mark>245</mark>	490		<mark>735</mark>		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 2 nd Feb				
Yr 6 students	\$30/stu	Magazine optional – payment by end of T3				
Yr 4 & 5 students	approx.\$180/stu	camp deposit \$20 by 2 rd Feb venue TBC				
Yr 6 students	\$40/stu	POLOSHIRT – size, order & pay at TADS by 9th Feb				



CLARE

Ages 5 -10, Clare Town Oval



All new or current players from any club aged 7 - 17 welcome

Inviting any female football players interested in participating in the Adelaide plains female football competition (late Feb - early April '24)

Further info contact James Peters - HBFC President • 0416 466 125 or contact us on Facebook

(1) @hamley_bridge_bombers_fcnc hamleybridgefc.president@gmail.com



March 15, 2024

Monday 15 & Tuesday 16 January 2024, 09:30am - 12:00pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION

SCAN THE OR CODE TO REGISTER OR FIND OUT MORE



Christmas Activities

Everyday Christmas Craft

16th to 22nd December, 2023

Snow Globe

Wednesday 20th December, 2023

Reindeer Baubles

Thursday 21st December, 2023



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

HEY DOODLE MAT - JINGLE BELLS

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

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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

