



Term 1 Week 1 ~ 1st February 2024

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# Balaklava Primary School *newsletter*



Room 7



Room 6

Welcome to our new Reception students for 2024!

## Important Dates

### FEBRUARY

9th - PCC Mtg 1:30pm

13th - Crossing Training Year 5/6  
- Welcome Night

19th - Swimming Lessons  
23rd (Rec - Yr 5)

19th - Yr 6 Camp  
22nd

23rd - New student photos

26th - Swimming Lessons  
1st (Rec - Yr 5)  
Mar

27th - SAPSASA Summer Carnival - Clare

### MARCH

1st - Swimming Carnival

**11th - Public Holiday (Adelaide Cup)**

13th - NAPLAN  
22nd

20th - Harmony Week  
26th

22nd - National Ride 2 School Day

### Term 1 Assemblies

Will be held in Week 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 on Fridays in the Open Space at 2:20pm.



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## From the Principal

Welcome to the 2024 school year. We started the year with 219 students. With 7 new enrolments this week, and others pending next week, our numbers are once again, continuing to grow. We have 10 classes this year, 9 mainstream and 1 Disability Unit. This year will also be the first year for many that we will be welcoming a mid year intake of Reception students.

It has been wonderful catching up with students and hearing about their holiday break. I have enjoyed walking through the classes, watching students interact with their class peers, creating new connections and working together to develop classroom expectations in line with our School Values – Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Your Best. These structures, routines and relationships are vital in setting up a successful year of learning.

**BE SAFE**  
**BE KIND**  
**BE YOUR BEST**

**Balaklava Primary School**

Our vision is to ensure every learner is engaged, stretched and achieving

We extend a warm welcome to our new students, their families and new staff member Kerri Blackwell.



We are extremely excited that, from Week 3, we will also have a new Pastoral Care Worker – Louise Lang. Louise will introduce herself in our next newsletter.

Julie has returned as our Aboriginal Education Officer. At this point in time, we have not yet replaced Vivienne Churchett, Aboriginal Education Teacher. We also have not yet replaced Jess Daniel, our previous Autism Inclusion Teacher.

### School Start Time

Student safety is extremely important.



Teaching staff begin yard duty (duty of care) at 8:25am each morning. It is important that **students are not at school prior to 8:25am.**

If your work commitments require you to drop your children off prior to 8:25am, you will need to make arrangements with Balaklava Community Children's Centre - Out of School Hours Care Service.

**SCHOOL TIMES**

**First siren 8:25am. Students allowed on-site.**  
**Siren at 8:45am for students to go into class.**  
**Start of Day - 8:55am**

<b>Recess -</b>	10:35am - 10:40am (Eating)
	10:40am - 11:00am (Play)
<b>Lunch -</b>	12:40pm - 12:50pm (Eating)
	12:50pm - 1:20pm (Play)
<b>End of Day -</b>	3:10pm

### Entering the Grounds

If entering via Wallace Street, all families who park on the Eastern side of the road (Swimming Pool side) must use the School Crossing. For those who park on the Western side of Wallace Street (School side) you may use the bike / pedestrian access gate near Rm 1 (where the Primary School and High School meet / cricket net) or the School Crossing.

Families entering the site from Gwy Tce must use the pedestrian access gate near the Adventure Playground.

Please **do not use** the BHS Tech lane or the bus road to enter the school grounds.

**Gwy Tce Entrance**

The Rm 8 fencing has been removed which means that we are now reverting back to a single point of entry into the School from Gwy Tce:

Enter via the Personal Access Gate situated between the BHS Tech lane and BPS Bus Road.

Please **DO NOT** enter:

- \*Through the Tech Lane (this will be blocked off with bollards)
- \*Through the BPS Bus Road
- \*Through the Personal Access gate opposite Horizon

Thank You

# BIKE SHED NOW OPEN

Students who ride or scoot to School, arriving via Wallace Tee need to walk their bike / scooter through the BPS BHS (cricket nets) access gate, along the path behind BER and then continue to walk it alongside the Basketball Court in order to get to the Bike Shed.

All bikes and scooters will be securely stored in the Bike Shed during the day.



## Canteen

Please be reminded that students are not permitted to purchase food from the canteen throughout the school day. All food must be pre-ordered either via a Lunch bag or the OKR app (app cut off is 9am on the day of the lunch order).

## Exemptions for Holidays

If you are planning on going on a family holiday for a week or more throughout the school term(s) please notify the front office prior to leaving for a principals exemption form.



## Community Assembly

These are held fortnightly at 2:20pm on Friday's in even weeks. Parents are very welcome to attend.



## Governing Council

Included in this newsletter is the 2024 Governing Council Nomination Form. The Governing Council is an elected group of parents and staff that oversee the management and well-being of the school community and its assets. Members are elected at the Annual General Meeting. If you would like more information, please contact the school.

Nomination forms are to be returned prior to the AGM.

Governing Council  
AGM  
Date to be confirmed

## Illness

Please be reminded that we all need to do the right thing and keep children home when they are unwell to ensure we do not spread illnesses throughout the school. Students need to stay home from School for a minimum 24 hours after their last symptom. However, we appeal to you and strongly encourage you to keep your children home for 48 hours after their last symptom to ensure they are completely healthy upon return. If your child comes to school sick, or develops symptoms of illness throughout the day, we will contact you to collect them. Thank you for continuing to follow this SA Health, Department for Education and BPS directive. Students who are absent for 3 days or more require a Doctor Certificate.



## School hats

Students are required to wear a school hat in the yard all year round. Students without a hat will be asked to play in the

- JP sandpit area for students R-2
- Under shelter between Ber and Music or the Yr 3-6 playground for students 3-6

Students may also access the library at lunch time.





## Thankyou

Thankyou to Ali Tiller and Amy May, members of the PCC Committee who provided a cuppa and chat opportunity for families after they dropped their children off on Monday.

## Positive Play

1:25pm - 1:40pm

Friday's. Our Positive Play focus is staying in class, not leaving without permission, wearing a hat in the yard and returning to class promptly. Students who don't follow these expectations remain in the class with the teacher for the duration of Positive Play.

If you have any questions about Positive Play, please contact your child's classroom teacher.



## Audiri (was Skoolbag)

Audiri is the App that we use for whole school Admin communication. If you have not connected, please do so ASAP to ensure you keep up to date with school and bus news. Audiri can also be used to access the newsletter, email the school (non-urgent messages only) and notify us of student absences. Please remember to remove yourself from your child's 2023 class and add them to their 2024 class.



## Messages

Email, Audiri, Seesaw and Facebook direct messaging are fantastic ways to communicate with the school staff, however we are not always able to check them continually throughout the day. Therefore all urgent messages (such as changes to after school arrangements for your child) must be done through a phone call to the front office - 88621660.

## Term Planner

Included in this newsletter is the current Term Planner. At this time of the year, events are added to the planner frequently. Please keep an eye on Facebook, Audiri and Seesaw to keep up to date with events that are added to our calendar.



# HAVE YOU CONNECTED TO SEESAW?

**WHY:** to directly communicate with classroom teachers (private conversations) and to read Announcements (messages) that teachers send to the parents of students in their class.

**HOW:** Scan the code which was included in the book pack for each student or call the office on 8862 1660 or email

[dl.0477.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0477.info@schools.sa.edu.au)

to request the invite is emailed to you.



## Swimming Lessons

Swimming Lessons for Reception to Year 5 students will be held in Week 4 and Week 5 this term, starting on the 19th February to the 29th February and concluding with the Swimming Carnival on Friday 1st of March. Classroom teachers will send home further information closer to the date. We would like to invite all parents and caregivers to our Swimming Carnival, to cheer on our students throughout the day filled with events and races at the Balaklava Swimming Pool.



## Life Jackets

We are seeking to borrow life jackets to support our younger and/or less confident swimmers during our swimming lessons. If you can help with this request, please contact the school or drop off the labeled life jackets at the front office before swimming lessons start.



## REGISTRATION DAYS

# 2024

Thankyou to all our families for their understanding of the change / shortening of times due to the heat.

We again had a great response both from families coming through or all those who applied for school card and or made payments online and trusted us to have packs ready for Monday.

The communication we have from our families means contact details, camp and swim forms are all ready to roll before they commence in Week 4.

## 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



# SAVE THE DATE

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

# FRIDAY 1ST MARCH

MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE CARNIVAL WILL BE SENT OUT ONCE THE COMMITTEE HAS FINALISED THE DETAILS.



## CATASTROPHIC FIRE DANGER and SCHOOL BUSES

Balaklava Primary School, High School and BCCC are **NOT** high-risk sites or in a recognised bushfire prone area.

Therefore, closures based on the predicted forecast do not apply to us. This means on days of forecast catastrophic fire danger rating, our sites will **remain open**.

However.....

Our sites and school bus runs are located in the Mid North and YP Fire Ban District and therefore if a Catastrophic Day is declared in either district, no buses that travel through these areas will operate. Installing the Audiri app will help you keep up to date with any developments.



## **PCC AGM**

The BPS Parent Coordinating Committee AGM will be held this term

The PCC would love for some new members to join them this year. PCC is a great way to meet new people and keep up to date with what is going on in the school. There is no pressure to take on any major role. Non-school age children are welcome to come to meetings.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Day and Time

To be confirmed

# SAVE THE DATE

# Welcome Night

## Tuesday 13th Feb - Week 3

6





## Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club has resumed for 2024. Breakfast is available in the library each day between 8:25am - 8:45am.

All students are welcome.

Breakfast Club is free of charge and funded by BPS, some community donations, for which we are very grateful and Kick Start for Kids however, additional donations are always welcome.

We would love more parent volunteers to assist with breakfast club, please contact the office if you are interested or require



## No Smoking near Entry / Exits

Can we please ask you to be considerate of others and not smoke at the entry / exit gates.

*Thank you*



## Parking along Wallace Street

Please refrain from parking along the stretch of Wallace Street between the bus road and the crossing (School side) at school pick up and drop off.



**NO  
PARKING**

# YEAR 6 AQUATICS

# CAMP

## MONDAY 19TH FEB - THURSDAY 22ND FEB WEEK 4



# ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is crucial. It is a requirement that children attend the school at which they are enrolled in, every day the school is open and at all school activities the school requires the child to attend.

Parents have a responsibility under the Act to ensure their children attend school regularly. If a child or young person does not attend, without a 'prescribed reason' for their non-attendance or an approved exemption, their parents may be guilty of an offence.

It is vital that you communicate with us if your child is absent from school for any reason. You may notify us via phone, text, Skoolbag (preferred), Seesaw or diary note. If you know about an absence in advance, please communicate with the classroom teacher or use one of the methods above.

If your child is absent and we do not have an explanation, you will receive an automated text from the school. Please respond with a reason why your child is absent. In the case that your child is ill, we ask that you inform us of their illness (some illnesses are notifiable to the school community) and ask you to keep them home for at least 24 hours (48 hours preferably) after their last symptom. This helps to halt the spread of illnesses throughout the school.

If planning a family holiday or similar within a school term which will see your child away for a week or more, please see Admin staff for an exemption form. This is a requirement and must be approved by the Principal prior to the holiday.

If a student arrives at school late (after the 8:45am bell) the child or their accompanying adult needs to sign in at the Front Office. The child will be required to give the classroom teacher the printed slip they receive when they sign in.

Children departing early must be signed out at the office by their accompanying adult. Our front office staff can assist with this.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to school, please speak with the classroom teacher, Cherie, Michelle or myself so that we can assist.



## EVERY DAY COUNTS....

**A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...**

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

*Give your child every chance to succeed...*

**Every day counts!**





**Room 6**



Marcia Nowlan  
Year R/1

**Room 7**



Emily Behn  
Year R/1

**Room 8**



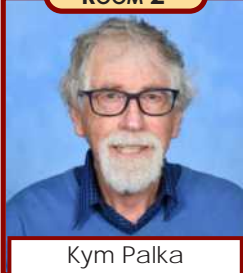
Abby Silverman  
Year R/6

**Room 2**



Jenny Rowland  
Year 3/4  
Monday - Wednesday

**Room 2**



Kym Palka  
Year 3/4  
Thursday - Friday

**BER 1**



Wendy Richards  
Year 1/2

**BER 2**



Jess Fiegert  
Year 3/4  
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri

**BER 2**



Sam Otta  
Year 3/4 & HASS  
Wed / Mon, Tues

**BER 3**



Courtney Durkay  
Year 1/2

**BER 4**



Rebecca Houston  
Year 4/5

**Room 18**



Jo Michalanney  
Year 5/6  
Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri

**Room 18**



Kym Palka  
Year 5/6  
Wednesday

**Room 20**



Simone Garrard  
Year 5/6  
Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri

**Room 20**



Kerri Blackwell  
Year 5/6 & PE  
Wed / Mon, Tues, Thur

AUSLAN



Sue-Ann De Vries  
Wednesday - Thursday

ARTS &  
TECHNOLOGIES



Jessica Bushnell  
Tech - Mon - Tues  
Art - Wed - Thur

## Leadership

PRINCIPAL



Dianna Jarman

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



Michelle Pudney

STUDENT WELLBEING  
COORDINATOR



Cherie Cleary

LITERACY  
COORDINATOR



Jo Michalanney  
Wednesday

## Office Support

ADMINISTRATOR



Diane

OFFICE SUPPORT



Michele

OFFICE SUPPORT



Megan

ICT SUPPORT



Michael "Mazz"

# Student Support



Angela



Teagan



Marlene



Ken



Dee



Alicia



Denis



Sally



Shelley



Sammi



Kym



Kylie



Stacey



Dot



Jason



Julie McNamara

Thursday



# NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be undertaking NAPLAN this term with a practice test on Tuesday the 27th February, with the official tests beginning Week 7 Wednesday the 13th of March until Monday the 18th of March.

Timeline

## ***Wednesday 13th March***

- Year 3 Writing - please note this is the only test completed on paper all other tests are online.
- Year 5 Writing

## ***Thursday 14th March***

- Year 3 Reading
- Year 5 Reading

## ***Friday 15th March***

- Year 3 Conventions of Language
- Year 5 Conventions of Language

## ***Monday 18th March***

- Year 3 Numeracy
- Year 5 Numeracy

Please remember that these tests provide a snapshot of your child's literacy and numeracy knowledge and are but a small yet important component of the assessment tools that teachers use here at BPS. If your child is absent on any day, we will make arrangements for your child to complete each test. If your child requires additional support during testing, please contact their classroom teacher.

There is more specific information about the online version of the tests and practice tests on the ACARA website <https://acara.edu.au/assessment/naplan>

- Mrs Pudney



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HAPPENING**

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# NAPLAN – privacy collection notice

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) takes place each year for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN helps parents, carers and educators to see if children are meeting important numeracy and literacy standards.

## Collection of personal information

Schools are required by law to collect personal information about you and your child, irrespective of whether your child participates in NAPLAN testing.

The purpose of this notice is to advise parents and carers of how personal information about you and your child will be used for NAPLAN testing (both online and paper tests) in 2024 and, as part of NAPLAN, readiness activities scheduled at various times leading up to the test in March 2024.

## NAPLAN testing

Since 2022 NAPLAN tests are completed nationally online, except for Year 3 writing which remains paper-based and a small number of students who will continue to use alternative format (paper or electronic pdf tests).

Online testing brings many benefits and opportunities including providing better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information.

More information on NAPLAN is available at: [www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/](http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/).

## Readiness testing activities

A critical step in preparing for NAPLAN is schools' participation in readiness testing activities.

The purpose of readiness testing activities is to ensure your child is familiar with their device and the online test environment, as well as to confirm school infrastructure systems and processes are in place for NAPLAN testing.

## Disclosure of personal information

For every student participating in NAPLAN testing and readiness activities, personal information will be uploaded by the Department for Education, as the Test Administration Authority (TAA), to the NAPLAN Online Assessment Platform ('assessment platform'). For information on how ACARA collects and uses personal information about you and your child for NAPLAN please refer to [ACARA's student privacy notice](#).

The information overleaf marked with an asterisk (\*) is also provided by the department, as the TAA, to FUJIFILM Data Management Solutions Pty Ltd for the purposes of printing paper test materials and the printing of student reports. FUJIFILM Data Management Solutions Pty Ltd ("FUJIFILM") is subject to rigorous information privacy and data security obligations under its contract with the Department for Education and is only permitted access to personal information from a relevant school for the purposes of providing the contracted services.

FUJIFILM's privacy policy can be found at: <https://www.fujifilm.com/au/en/privacy>



## BPS UNIFORM INFORMATION

### Hats:

Maroon broad brimmed, bucket hat.  
**To be worn all year round**

### Polo Shirt:

Maroon.

### Shorts:

Boys: School Grey/ or School Black – no large/offensive logos.

### Shorts/Skortis Girls:

Maroon or Regulation check or School Black – no logos.

### Dress:

Regulation maroon check – (material available at school.)

### Kilt:

Regulation maroon plaid (material available at school)

### Windcheaters :

Maroon or Maroon with BPS logo.

### Long Pants:

Boys: School Grey/ School Black - no stripes or denim

Girls: School Black – no leggings stripes or denim.

### Beanie, Scarf, Headband:

Maroon (optional)

### Spray Jacket :

Black (optional) (waterproof with hood)

**New hats & dresses can be paid for via QKR**

### Library Bags

The PCC gifted our new Reception students with a library bag full of goodies to help with learning at home.

If you would like any additional "at home resources", please speak with Jo Michalanney.

New Library Bags available from office.



## SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

The Parent Coordinating Committee keep a range of second hand uniforms for purchase from the front office. **If you have any pre-loved school uniforms (especially polo-Shirts) that you would like to donate to the school, we would be extremely grateful.**

The PCC also sell -

- School Dresses
- Material for shorts and kilts
- School Hats
- Library Bags
- School Bags

*These items can now be paid for via QKR.*

Please see the staff at the front desk.

New shirts, jumpers, pants and shorts can be purchased from Tads Embroidery, Balaklava.





# Governing Council

The Governing Council (GC) is an elected group of parents and staff that oversee the management and well-being of the school community and its assets. Members of Council are elected at the Annual General Meeting and usually serve a two-year term. The tasks of GC include :

- Keeping informed about the Site Learning Plan
- Advising the Principal of general community concerns and opinions
- Discussing educational policy
- Liaison with staff

The Governing Council meet in the evenings, twice per term.

Sub Committees have been formed to help share the responsibilities and decision-making with a greater number of parents who are not members of the GC. Usually, one member of each committee is also a member of GC. They then report back to the GC with any recommendations made by the committee, for the GC to vote on if necessary.

## Sub committees include:

### **Fundraising:**

Meets on a regular basis throughout the year to initiate, implement and support various fundraising activities throughout the year. These are usually day time meetings.

### **Bus:**

Review of bus routes, manages the bus policies and responds to other issues concerning the school buses as they arise. This committee meets once per term, at approximately 4pm.

### **Finance:**

Manages the school finances in consultation with the school community by developing an annual budget and monitoring expenditure and income throughout the year.

The Finance Committee meet twice per term, usually in the early evening, however the members of the committee will discuss their availability to determine a suitable meeting time in 2023.

### **Grounds and Facilities:**

The general maintenance of the school grounds and buildings, including organising working bees and ensuring the school maintenance schedule is adhered to. This committee meet twice per term, usually around 5:30pm.

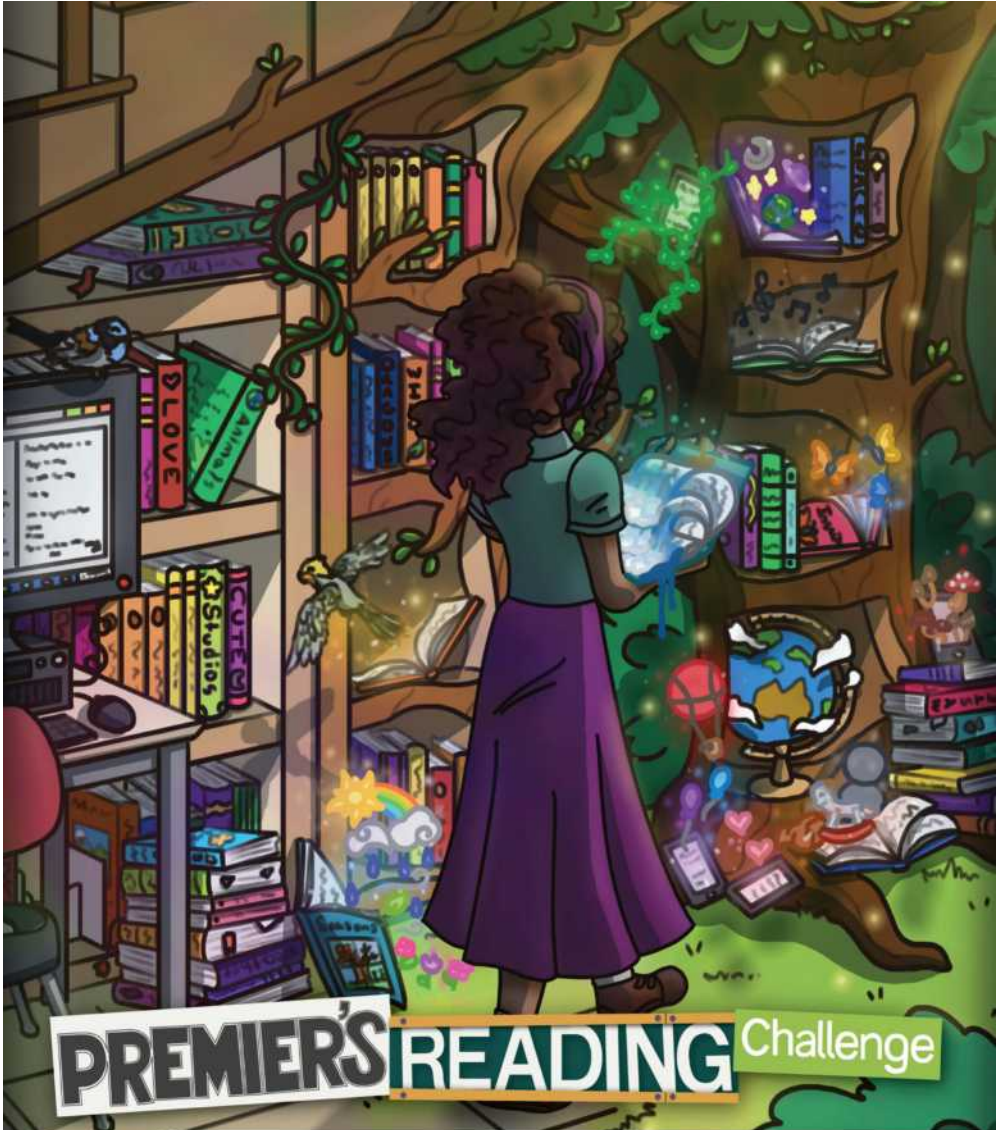
### **Canteen:**

Representatives from the Primary School meet with representatives from the High School to oversee the management of the canteen, usually once per term. This is often an after school meeting.

**Have you ever wondered  
how you can find out more  
about what is happening in the  
school or have a greater input?  
Have you considered joining  
one of our committees?**

## PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

The Premiers Reading Challenge is back for 2024! Forms to record students books should have been handed out this week by class teachers. If you have not recieved a form please see Mrs Cleary or Ange in the Library.



Reading for the Challenge finishes on 6 September 2024

For more information visit the website, phone 08 8226 4300 or email [prc@sa.gov.au](mailto:prc@sa.gov.au)

[www.prc.sa.edu.au](http://www.prc.sa.edu.au)



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# SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

Setting up for Success is a two-week program that all teachers run within their classes to create a strong foundation, whilst building positive relationships with their students, creating a positive start for their learning and wellbeing each year. We are all very passionate educators here at BPS and ensure that everything we do is to ensure that every student is engaged, stretched and achieving. It is with this intent that the Setting up for Success programs supports students to:

- Learn and understand our school expectations and the importance of our school values.
- Co-create class expectations, levels and calming areas.
- Practice organisation skills and daily routines.
- Understand the daily/weekly timetable and know what to do or who to ask when help is needed.
- Discuss and recognise what makes a good learner and how they can contribute to creating and maintaining a positive learning environment.
- Build friendships
- Learn how to play a positive part in our school community and respect the environment

To maintain a positive learning environment where all students feel they belong and our school values – Be Safe, Be Kind and Be Our Best – are embedded within each learning space, our staff continue to model our values and explicitly teach a whole school social and emotional curriculum fondly known as BOB.

If you have been in the yard, walked past classes, heard students and staff talking - I'm sure you have picked up on this positive vibe and excitement for the year ahead.



We could not be more grateful for this enthusiasm, and we would like to thank all our students, staff and families for fostering and playing a vital part within our positive school culture.

We look forward to continuing this work together throughout 2024 and hope to see all our families at our upcoming Meet and Greet Night on Tuesday 13th February.

## LOOSE PARTS PLAY AREA REQUEST

At Balaklava Primary School, we value our outdoor learning spaces, as they too play an important part in your child's education.

Our loose parts play area provides our students with an environment to increase their levels of creative and imaginative play; play co-operatively and socialise with their peers; encourages students to be physically active and creates a real-world learning by involving collaboration, sharing, thinking, problem-solving and decision-making.

But we need your help!

Many of our loose part materials have now deteriorated in the weather and we are in urgent need to restock this wonderful play space. We are seeking donations of loose parts such as,

- Natural resources – such as straw, mud and pine cones
- Planks of wood and pallets
- Old Tyres
- Crates
- Old keyboard / phones (without the cords)
- Pipes
- Traffic cones
- Buckets
- Wood cable reels
- Tarpaulin
- Logs

If you can help, please contact Michelle Pudney through the front office.



# SAPSASA SPORTS EVENTS

SAPSASA refers to some sports that we play against other schools in nearby towns such as Clare and Burra hubs. Our local hub usually combines student's from Snowtown Primary, Pt Wakefield Primary, Owen Primary, Horizon and BPS. Students in year 5 and 6 are eligible to try out for SAPSASA sporting events, however in Swimming and Athletics students can be born in 2014 -2017 are eligible based on swimming carnival and sports day results. Try outs are usually held in Balaklava as a central spot and these are advertised throughout all the schools previously mentioned.

SAPSASA Sports are for those who regularly play the sport and can show some skill and understanding of the rules of each sport – it is not a come and try session. Except for SAPSASA Softball – this sport is available to girls in year 5 and 6 who would like to play. Mr Brice is happy to teach you the skills and rules of the game.

During term 1 we will have SAPSASA **Tennis, Cricket, Softball** (Summer carnival). Week 5 Clare host the SAPSASA swimming event. Later in term 1 will be tryouts for SAPSASA football and netball (Winter Carnival) which is held early term 2.

SAPSASA Basketball is for BPS students only and that is usually held early term 3. As this is for BPS students only, we usually invite students to enter their own team and try to include all those who play and are interested rather than have try outs as we don't like to turn playing students away.

Term 3 also has SAPSASA Athletics in it. The team selection for this is just BPS students and this team is selected according to our sports day results.

Other SAPSASA events that may be open for student's is girls football, cross country running, hockey, soccer and golf. These events tend to be just for those individuals who are keen and express an interest - we then share the relevant info with you on an individual level.

You will receive more information prior to any SAPSASA event but if you have any questions please come and chat.

- Jo Michalanney



## Softball / Cricket / Tennis 2024



**Selection/Practice dates for Balaklava Hub Team for Softball (11 girls) Cricket (13) and Tennis (6 boys & 6 girls) will be held on:**



**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**3:30 pm to 5:00 pm**

**(extra practice for softball on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb)**



Cricket – Balaklava HS Cricket nets – Michael Warnes  
Softball – Balaklava PS oval – Marty Brice  
Tennis – Balaklava Town Courts – Jo Michalanney



All **Year 5 and 6** students wishing to try out for the hub teams will need to attend practices on these dates. Hub team games will be played against the Clare and Burra Hubs in Clare in the Summer Carnival on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February – (Week 5 Term 1).

We will use private transport as we will not return home in time for school buses.

**Please talk to your parents to see if they can help out with transport.**



# 2024 SAPSASA CALENDAR

amended 20/12/23

Week	JAN 29 – APRIL 12	APRIL 29 – JULY 5	JULY 22 – SEPT 27	OCT 14 – DEC 20
1	29 Jan – 2 Feb	29 April – 3 May 1 <sup>st</sup> May WINTER HUB#1 @ Blyth Girls Netball, Boys Football	22 July – 26 July	14 Oct – 18 Oct
2	5 Feb – 9 Feb	6 May – 10 May Boys & Girls netball squad trials Boys football squad trial 10 May – Primary Mountain Bike	29 July – 2 August Boys & Girls netball	21 Oct – 25 Oct 21 Oct – 23 Oct State Football Girls
3	12 Feb – 16 Feb 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb MEETING 4:15pm location TBC	13 May – 17 May 13 <sup>th</sup> May CROSS COUNTRY Burra	5 Aug – 9 Aug 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug BASKETBALL CARNAVAL @ Balak 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug Basketball back up	28 Oct – 1 Nov
4	19 Feb – 23 Feb	20 May – 24 May 22 <sup>nd</sup> May WINTER HUB#2 @ Riverton Boys Netball, Girls Football	12 Aug – 16 Aug 14-16 Soccer, Boys and Girls	4 Nov – 9 Nov 4-6 Nov Cricket, Boys Div 1-5 & Girls
5	26 Feb – 1 March 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb SUMMER HUB @ Clare	27 May – 31 May 27 May - 29 May State Football Boys	19 Aug – 23 Aug	11 Nov – 15 Nov
6	4 March – 8 March 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar SUMMER HUB back up	3 June – 7 June 6 June – Cross Country	26 Aug – 30 Aug 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug ATHLETICS @ Clare	18 Nov – 22 Nov 20-22 Nov Tennis Boys & Girls
7	11 March – 15 March 13 <sup>th</sup> Napan Opens	10 June – 14 June 10 <sup>th</sup> June Kings Birthday	2 Sept – 6 Sept 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept ATHLETICS back up	25 Nov – 29 Nov
8	18 March – 22 March Napan Cont. 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar SWIMMING CARNAVAL @ Clare	17 June – 21 June	9 Sept - 13 Sept 9 – 11 Sept State Hockey, Boys and Girls 12-13 Sept Tennis SA Hotshots Tennis Carnival @ Clare	2 Dec – 6 Dec
9	25 March – 29 March 29 <sup>th</sup> Napan Cont. 25-27 March State Softball, Girls	24 June – 28 June 24-26 June State Netball, Girls and Boys	16 Sept – 20 Sept 16/17 Sept Athletics, Athletics SA Stadium	9 Dec – 13 Dec
10	1 April – 5 April 1 <sup>st</sup> April Easter Monday	1 July - 5 July	23 Sept – 27 Sept	16 Dec – 20 Dec PUPIL FREE WEEK
11	8 April – 12 April 8 April State Swimming	TBC Term 3 EVENTS Combined Golf Clinics @ Kapunda, Combined Golf Tournament, State Golf Tournament???		

MID NORTH DISTRICT SAPSASA EVENTS 2024

MID NORTH DISTRICT or STATE EVENTS change of date & intro 2024

SCHOOL SPORT SA EVENTS 2024



Hi Everyone,

I'm Kerri Blackwell and I am excited to be working at BPS in 2024 in a Physical Education (PE) NIT role and in Room 20 on a Wednesday. I grew up in Balaklava and attended BPS as a student. The school looks very different to when I went here. I love dogs and horses, I have a Chocolate Labrador called Benson and I have 3 horses. 2 are retired harness race horses and the other one is still racing.



In PE this term with all classes we will be focusing on team work and game sense. Game sense is focusing on how the team can work together better to improve their performance. If you have any questions about PE, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kerri

**SWIMMING LESSONS**  
 REC - YR 5  
 WEEK 4 - MONDAY 19TH FEB - FRIDAY 23RD FEB  
 WEEK 5 - MONDAY 26TH FEB - FRIDAY 1ST MAR

*Piano Lessons*  
**AVAILABLE**  
 PIANO LESSONS AVAILABLE  
 AT SCHOOL. PLEASE CALL  
 MERIEL FOR DETAILS ON  
 0428 499 856.

## AECO NEWS

**FIRST NATIONS VOICE TO SA PARLIAMENT**

**Upcoming Community Information Sessions**

**Adelaide CBD**  
**Where:** Pilgrim Hall  
 12 Flinders Street, Adelaide SA  
**When:** Tuesday 16 January, 12pm - 2pm &  
 Thursday 01 February, 12pm - 2pm.

Join us for nibbles and conversations about the SA Voice and next steps for nominating and voting in your region.

**20** #VoicetoSAParliament

**FIRST NATIONS VOICE TO SA PARLIAMENT**

**Upcoming Community Information Sessions**

**Yalata**  
**Where:** Near Yalata Community Store  
 Yalata Sq, Yalata SA 5690  
**When:** Thursday 8 February, 11:30am - 1:30pm

**Ceduna**  
**Where:** Far West Aboriginal Sporting Complex  
 Bergmann Drive, Ceduna SA 5690  
**When:** Thursday 8 February, 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Join us for nibbles and conversations about the SA Voice and next steps for nominating and voting in your region.

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# 2023 BALAKLAVA CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



Thank you Dot, Angela and Mrs Pudney for organising our BPS float at the Pageant.





## Nut and Seed (Allergy) Aware School

We ask that **ALL** students at BPS refrain from bringing foods to school that contain nuts (eg Peanut paste / Nutella) as well as Sesame and Linseed seed.

We appreciate your cooperation with this  
Thank you

- **Dianna**

A severe allergy to nuts and sesame can have a life threatening reaction. Anaphylactic shock can occur within seconds of exposure to a nut or sesame allergen.

*This can occur if :*

- Contact is made with a person who has handled or eaten nuts or nut products.
- Contact is made with a person who has handled or eaten sesame seeds or sesame products.
- Contact is made with an object such as a toy or door handle that has traces of nuts or sesame on it.

## Context

The DfE requires schools to promote and construct learning environments that are safe and supportive.

Students and staff may have Anaphylaxis, the severest form of allergic reaction, and nuts or nut products may be a trigger. This means that exposure at school may constitute a risk to their health and well-being. It is not possible to guarantee that the environment will be completely free of potential hazards, however, compliance to reasonable guidelines will minimize the potential risks.

## Purpose

To provide a safe learning environment for all members of the Balaklava Primary School community.

To raise the awareness of all members of the community regarding severe allergies.

## Management

The Nut and Sesame Aware policy will be managed by:

- Parents, caregivers and community members being requested **NOT** to send food to school that contain any nuts (especially peanuts). This includes Peanut Paste, Nutella, nougat, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanut oil, as well as foods containing nuts.
- Parents, caregivers and community members being requested **NOT** to send food to school that contain any sesame seeds or sesame oil. This includes bread with sesame seeds on top, hummus and foods cooked in sesame oil
- Staff supervising eating at lunch time.
- Students being encouraged NOT to share food.
- Students being encouraged to wash hands after eating.
- Staff participating in First Aid Training, understanding and dealing with Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) as the need arises.
- Students washing hands and face before leaving for school in the case where they have eaten nut or sesame products for breakfast.
- Staff complying with the Nut and Sesame Awareness policy when cooking with students at school.

*\* This school acknowledges that due to food processing practices it is impractical to eliminate nuts and nut products entirely from an environment where there is food. The emphasis is therefore on raising awareness and adopting the reasonable procedures termed as 'Nut and Sesame Awareness'.*





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## AT SCHOOL

# Balaklava Primary School

### BE YOUR BEST

- We respect ourselves and others.
- We have a positive growth mindset.
- We are honest and truthful.
- We are positive team members.
- We attend school.

### BE SAFE

- We follow staff instructions.
- We wear the school dress code.
- We stay within the boundaries.
- We follow expectations.
- We keep hands and feet to ourselves.

### BE KIND

- We show care to ourselves and others.
- We care for the environment.
- We use manners and appropriate language.
- We are inclusive and value differences.
- We put rubbish in the bin.



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## WHEN LEARNING

# Balaklava Primary School



### BE YOUR BEST

- We display a growth mindset.
- We listen to and act on feedback.
- We stay on task.
- We actively listen to instructions.
- We accept challenges.
- We learn from our mistakes.

### BE SAFE

- We are cyber safe.
- We take responsibility for our actions.
- We move safely inside learning areas.

### BE KIND

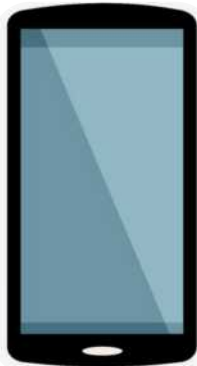
- We use our manners.
- We work well in a team.
- We value opinions and ideas.
- We respect others differences.
- We treat others fairly.
- We allow others to work and learn.



# PRIMARY STUDENT USE OF MOBILE PHONES AND PERSONAL DEVICES

## Mobile Phone Policy:

Each school is required to have a mobile phone policy implemented by the end of this term. Staff and students have been working on our policy, particularly in regards to the storage of devices and the consequences for non-compliance. Governing Council have had an opportunity to view the policy and will provide feedback at their next meeting. I have included basic information from the policy below. If you would like to view the full policy please email [dl.0477.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0477.info@schools.sa.edu.au) and we will send you a copy. All feedback on this draft policy will need to be received by the school no later than Friday 18th June.



## Purpose

This policy provides direction to students, staff and families about managing mobile phones and other digital devices that students choose to bring to school. Digital devices include, but are not limited to, smartwatches, tablets or laptops that are not part of a separate Bring Your Own Device arrangement. This policy applies while students are at school, or attending an authorised school activity such as an excursion, during school hours and on school buses.

## Mobile phone use for primary school students

The department's position is that primary aged students cannot use their mobile phones and personal devices at school during school hours. The department and the school recognise that there are legitimate reasons for students to bring a mobile phone or personal device to school. This may include:

- to ensure their safety while travelling
- so that parents can contact them outside of school hours.

During the school day students are not permitted to access or use their mobile phones or other personal devices. Students must switch off or mute their devices before storing them at the beginning of the school

day. They will not be able to access their device until the end of the school day.

## Storage of personal devices

Students will switch their device off or to silent and hand into the front office staff between 8:25am and 8:45am.

The staff member who receives the device, will put it into a labelled bag and it will be securely stored 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.

## If the student does not comply

If a student does not hand in their mobile phone at the beginning of the day, it will be confiscated by a teacher or leadership and stored in the office until 3:10 (the end of the school day). At this time, the student may collect the device from the office. A message will be sent to parent/cargiver to inform them.

Student will be given a rethink.

Subsequent breaches of this will result in the device being confiscated and stored in the office until a parent / caregiver can collect the device from school. Student will be given a rethink.

Further information regarding the use of mobile phones and personal devices on school buses will be communicated soon.





# STUDENT SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY



*Wallace Street is very busy before and after school*

We need parents to take responsibility in teaching your children to cross the road safely. This means that when parking on the Eastern (Swimming Pool) side of Wallace Street, you must walk your children to the dedicated School Crossing in order to enter the School.

Please DO NOT cross elsewhere along Wallace Street.

Your role modelling of this is important to ensure all students safety.

The extra minute or so it will take to walk through the crossing will save a potential accident from happening.



*Thank you for following this important directive - Dianna*



BALAKLAVA PRIMARY GOVERNING COUNCIL  
2024 NOMINATION FOR ELECTION FORM

I.....

*full name of the person who is making the nomination of themselves or someone else*

of..... (address)

Nominate (it is possible to self nominate)

*full name of the person that is being nominated*

I.....

of..... (address)

**To be elected as a member of Balaklava Primary Governing Council.**

I.....

*full name of the person that is being nominated and agrees to be accept being nominated*

of..... (address)

accept the nomination and hereby declare that:

I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors

I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person

I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any of the offences listed my membership of Balaklava Primary Governing Council will cease.

Signed..... Date.....

BALAKLAVA PRIMARY GOVERNING COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
2024 NOMINATION FOR ELECTION FORM

I..... (full name)

of..... (address)

Nominate to be elected as a member of BPS Governing Council committee

Parent Coordinating (PCC)  Grounds & facilities

Finance  Bus

Fundraising  Canteen

Signed..... Date.....

# CROSSING MONITORS

## TERM 1, 2024

TIME	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
8:25am - 8:45am	Emilee M Sarah D	Clay R Charlee K	Tobias S-G Kaiden L	Morgan L Bryce G	Marlee H Clay R
TEACHER	Mrs Pudney	Mrs Pudney	Mrs Jarman	Mrs Jarman	Mrs Jarman
3:05pm - 3:20pm	Willow F Joe T	Jasmine S Noah S	Henry W Jed H	Casey K Ella McD	Emilee M Sarah D
TEACHER	Mrs Jarman	Mrs Jarman	Mrs Pudney	Mrs Pudney	Mrs Pudney

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DO YOUR CROSSING DUTY PLEASE SWAP WITH SOMEONE ELSE OR ASK A RESERVE. PLEASE LET THE TEACHER ON DUTY KNOW IF YOU HAVE SWAPPED. ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE ASK MRS PUDNEY.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**Saturday 10th February**  
**Balaklava Town Hall**  
**8:30am to 11:30am**

Inside sites #15 (3m x 3m, 2 tables provided)

Outside carpark site #5 (BYO everything)

To register contact: [bicks@bigpond.com](mailto:bicks@bigpond.com) or through the Balaklava Town Hall Facebook Page.

This is a Fundraiser by the Balaklava Town Hall Management Committee for the upgrade of the sound system.

**NOW OPEN**

**COACHING APPLICATIONS**

Balaklava Netball Club is seeking Applications for Coaching positions for all Junior and Senior Netball grades ahead of our 2024 season.

Applications will close February 4, 2024.  
 For more information please contact the committee  
[balaknetball@gmail.com](mailto:balaknetball@gmail.com)

**Upcoming Important Dates**

- Registrations Open**  
January 1, 2024
- Senior Trial Dates**  
March 4, 2024  
March 6, 2024  
March 13, 2024

**Ralli Park**  
 7 Waverata Rd, Balaklava 5461

**Facebook**  
[facebook.com/BalaklavaFNC](https://www.facebook.com/BalaklavaFNC)



# Term 1 Planner 2024

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	29/1	30/1	31/1	1/2 Newsletter	2/2
2	5/2	6/2	7/2	8/2	9/2 PCC Mtg 1:30pm Assembly 2:20pm
3	12/2	13/2 Crossing Training Yr 5/6  Welcome Night	14/2	15/2 Newsletter	16/2
4 Swimming Lessons	19/2 Yr 6 Camp	20/2	21/2	22/2	23/2 New student photos Assembly 2:20pm
5 Swimming Lessons	26/2	27/2 SAPSASA Summer Carnival - Clare	28/2	29/2 Newsletter	1/2 SWIMMING CARNIVAL
6	4/3	5/3	6/3	7/3	8/3 Assembly 2:20pm
7	11/3 Public Holiday Adelaide Cup	12/3	13/3  NAPLAN	14/3 Newsletter NAPLAN	15/3  NAPLAN
8	18/3  NAPLAN	19/3	20/3  Harmony Week (20/3 - 26/3)	21/3	22/2 Assembly 2:20pm  National Ride 2 School Day
9	25/3 Parent/Teacher Interviews	26/3	27/3	28/3 Newsletter	29/3 Public Holiday Good Friday
10	1/4 Public Holiday Easter Monday	2/4 World Autism Awareness Day	3/4	4/4	5/4 Assembly 2:20pm
11	8/2  Soccer - Yr 3-6	9/4	10/4	11/4 Newsletter SAPSASA Girls Football - Riverton	12/4 Last Day of Term 1 2:10pm Dismissal

Meetings	SAPSASA	Student Free Days	Excursions
Fundraising	Incursions	Assemblies	