

BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

We are aware that we are meeting and learning on the land where Kurna 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 water, air and environment of Kurna Country



Students enjoyed participating in the Sporting Schools Soccer last week.

IMPORTANT DATES

- MAY**
- 17th Footsteps Dance
 - 22nd National Storytime
 - 23rd **SCHOOL PHOTOS**
(Please change Thurs.)
 - 24th Footsteps Dance
 - 29th Bus Mtg

POSTPONED

- 31st **SPORTS DAY**
- JUNE**
- 4th BCCC - BPS Transition: until 12:00pm
Think U Know Parent Session
 - 7th Footsteps Dance
 - 10th **PUBLIC HOLIDAY KING'S BIRTHDAY**

- 11th Finance Meeting
 - 12th BCCC - BPS Transition: until 1:30pm
- Community Assemblies**
 Will be held in Week 4, 6 & 8 at 2:20pm on Friday's.





FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Bus Road Thank You:

I can't express enough thanks to the staff, students, parents, community - both BPS and wider community, BHS, BCCC, HCS, DfE Transport and Wakefield Regional Council for the ongoing support during the bus road widening and resurfacing project. Michelle has an article on page 18, but I wanted to reinforce her words and extend my sincere gratitude. I am so very excited to have the bus road back in operation from Friday morning. It looks fantastic.

Term 2 staffing:

Please see pages 7-8 where we reintroduce our staff and their roles within the school. We hope that this will be handy particularly for families who don't get into school often, but hear their children speaking of the staff members that they work with. It will help put a face to the name.

Congratulations!

Congratulations

It is with my absolute pleasure and I am jumping with excitement to announce that Michelle Pudney has won the tenured Deputy Principal position for 5 years, starting from 2025. Michelle is a wonderful asset to BPS and is so very thorough, fair and consistent in her work. She has built strong relationships with families and is respected for her prompt and appropriate action and follow up to any concern that is raised. BPS is very lucky to have Michelle as a member of the leadership team at BPS.

Specialist Teaching Roster

Last term, we shared with families our Specialist Roster so that families could help prepare their children at home for days that they had a specialist lesson. The timetable has had a few changes over the last 3 weeks but should start to settle from next week. We will share the timetable in Week 5.



Mothers Day Thank You

Thank you to Nikki McCracken for her organisation and to parent volunteers, Bridget Guthberg, Lee-anne McCracken, Ali Tiller, Mel Moulds, Lucy Sutton, Amy May, Tammy Nicholls, Carly Friedrichs, Jess Holzberger and Danielle Evans who helped to sell Mothers Day gifts to our students. I am sure there were lots of lucky recipients on Sunday. Thank you also to the staff members who helped with student management.



SPORTS DAY

Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help either with events, or with PCC food sales and preparation. Many hands make light work and we appreciate the effort of everyone who helps. The more helpers we have, the shorter the shift, meaning the more time families can spend watching their child/ren participate. If you haven't put your hand up to help, but you are going to be attending Sports Day please strongly consider giving a small portion of your time to volunteering.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS

Pre-loved uniforms

Thank you to all of our families, current and former who continue to donate pre-loved uniforms to our school. It is a fantastic service that we can offer and is a huge asset to our School. Your donations are gratefully appreciated. Please continue to send them in anytime you have a clean out.

Thank you to the PCC who held a pop up uniform sale prior to Assembly last week.

Families can purchase pre-loved uniforms any time the office is open. If you can't get into School, please phone the office. We can negotiate with you regarding payment and give the uniform items directly to your child.



Academy Photographs

It was with great sadness that we learnt this week that Academy Photography has gone into liquidation. We have been using Academy for 20 years so this has come as a huge shock to us all. In regards to School Photos, we will reschedule these to Term 3 or 4. We have had a number of company's contact us already and in due time, we will work through who can offer us the best packages. The upside of this is that we will now be able to capture our Mid Year Intake students in our 2024 School Photos.

In regards to parents who have already made online payments for the School Photos that were scheduled for next Thursday, we do not have permission to access that list, so can you please contact the office and speak with Diane. Diane has some further information regarding your online payment.

Did you know that as well as Photographs, we also use Academy Education Solutions for:

- Staff, Student and Visitor Sign in / Out
- School Roll Books
- Internal School messages
- SMS Communication with families
- Automated SMS messages for unexplained absence
- The Year 6 Magazine
- Student Reports.

While we believe at this stage, the Education Solutions side of Academy is not going into liquidation, we are moving forward with these elements with caution. It is with this in mind that I have decided to cease using Academy for Mid Year Student Reports in 2024.

While at home, you may not notice a huge difference in the printed report, not using the online, database and merge system, will add additional workload and time pressures to staff.

To help with this workload, we have made a decision that teachers will not write an individual comment for Science and Health. Instead, the report will inform you of the topics that have been covered either this semester, or what the students will have covered by the end of the year (this exact decision is still pending). Students will still receive an academic (year 1-6) and effort grade (R-6) for these subjects.

As per any aspect of the school report, if you wish to follow up and find out more about Health, Science or any other subject, please make a time to meet with your child's teacher.

While I will endeavour to stick to the timeline of sending reports home on Wednesday, Week 10, if I encounter unexpected delays, I will communicate with you to let you know that reports will be sent home during Week 1, Term 3.

We thank you for your understanding and patience while we work through these issues.

Illness

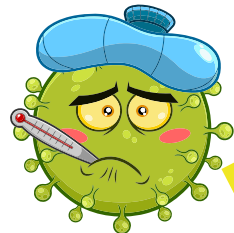
Covid is still circulating as are colds, flu and other nasties. It is absolutely essential that students (and staff) stay away when unwell to help stop the spread and protect the rest of us from getting sick. If your child shows signs of illness throughout the school day, we will contact you to collect your child.

If your child has been sick, please keep them home for a minimum of 24 hours (48 is preferred) after their last symptom.

If your child has tested positive to Covid-19 PLEASE let us know.

We have students and staff who have vulnerable health needs and its essential that we share information with them regarding if they have possibly been exposed to Covid. The Department is still asking that Covid positive people stay away from School for 5 days.

Again, we find ourselves struggling to find Temporary Relief Staff (TRT's) to cover staff leave and illness which has again been resulting in us splitting classes. Splitting a class means that we break the students into groups of 2-4 and send them to another class for the day. Please be assured that when we do this, we provide the students with age appropriate work for them to do while in the alternative class for the day.



THINKUKNOW

A national law enforcement-led
online child safety program

PARENT/CAREGIVER PRESENTATION

Our school will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on **Tuesday the 4th June** in the Open Space Unit, 'The Well' and all parents, carers and teachers are encouraged to attend.

ThinkUKnow Australia is an evidence based education program delivered nationally to prevent online child sexual exploitation.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. The program is delivered in collaboration with policing partners New South Wales Police Force, Northern Territory Police, Queensland Police, South Australia Police, Tasmania Police, Western Australia Police, as well as Neighbourhood Watch Australia.

The presentation will be delivered by a local law enforcement member and an industry volunteer. The presentation is pro-technology and addresses topics including self-generated child abuse material, online grooming, sexual extortion, and importantly encourages help seeking behaviour.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology.

For more information, you can visit www.thinkuknow.org.au or contact Michelle Pudney on 88621660.

PCC MEETING

FRIDAY 24TH MAY, WEEK 4

1:30PM IN THE STAFF ROOM

All welcome

SCHOOL PHOTOS

SCHOOL PHOTOS
SCHEDULED FOR
THURSDAY 23RD
MAY 2024 HAVE
NOW BEEN
CANCELLED AND
WILL BE
RESCHEDULED!



SPORTS DAY

General Information

All students are encouraged to dress in their House Team colours, wear appropriate sun-safe and weather-appropriate clothing, appropriate footwear, a hat, sunscreen and have plenty of water. Don't hesitate to get in touch with the school if you are unaware of your Rec-Year 6 child's House Team.

All students who participate are given points for their team. Participation is important as is good sportsmanship.

As this is a school event, Students are strongly encouraged to stay for the entire day.

The canteen will not be open. Students may bring a packed lunch. The PCC will have cupcakes, fruit boxes and soft drinks (for adults) for sale on the day. A PCC lunch order form has been sent out today or you can order via Qkr! Closing date Friday 24th May.

Programs will be sent out on Audiri and SeeSaw and a hard copy will be sent home.

If you are taking photos and posting on Social Media, please be mindful that you are only posting photos of your children and not others.

The official opening will take place at approximately 8:50am. Junior Primary students may watch but will return to their classes where they will remain in normal lessons until their scheduled early recess time. Students to bring recess and fruit as usual. During this time, the JP students will have an opportunity to visit the Cupcake stand (with their teacher) to purchase cupcakes.

The JP students will have recess and then begin their health hustle followed by the rotation of activities. This will be approximately at 10:50am.

The Year 3-6 students move straight into their events after the opening, continuing through to lunch.

At approximately 12:30pm, staff will collect pre-ordered lunches. After lunch, students participate in sprints on the oval and stay for the relays and presentations. We aim to close the day between 2:45- 3:00pm.

Please ensure you don't take your child home early if they are in the relays.

Please note: in case of inclement weather, events may be restructured, removed from the program or shortened. If the weather forecast on Wednesday evening indicates that it will be too wet or dangerous to run the day it will be rescheduled. If we can't hold the day we will fulfill lunch orders but cancel Sports Day.

SPORTS DAY SET UP

Many hands make light work! If you are able to come along and help set up at 7:45am on Friday morning (31/5) we would greatly appreciate it. Similarly, if you can hang around at the end of the day and help pack up, we would also really appreciate this support.

If you are able to help and haven't already offered, please send a text message or email to the school.

SPORTS DAY VOLUNTEERS

Again many hands make light work...if you can volunteer anytime throughout the day to help with events or volunteer with the PCC Cupcake stand we would really appreciate it.

This is so we can successfully run the stand throughout the entire event and our volunteers can still watch their child/children's events.

If you can please help out please message the Facebook Page: *Balaklava Primary School Volunteers*.

DALKEY

PRESTON

CAMERON

BRIGHTWOOD

5



Information for ALL Spectators and Volunteers

All Spectators / Visitors to the School (including parents, community members and non BPS siblings / children)

MUST:

- Pre-ordered lunch for non-school student spectators, cupcakes, fruit boxes and soft drinks (for adults) will be located outside of the OSU – North of the Bus Road.
- The school canteen is not available for lunch orders on the day, students will need to pre-order a sports day lunch or bring lunch from home.
- Students will stay in their class group when eating.
- JP students are given the opportunity to purchase cupcakes throughout the morning (prior to the start of their sports day). Please feel free to send your child with money for a cupcake and a staff member will assist them.
- Use the Disabled toilet located in the BER building. This is a single toilet. At times, there may be a line up so please be patient. Alternatively, there are public toilets available in Apex Park (near the Skate Park) Visitors are not to use the other toilets located onsite as these are dedicated staff and student toilets.
- The water bubblers will be available for filling up water bottles.
- The playgrounds and equipment must not be used by any non-school children at all throughout the day. If younger siblings are attending Sports Day and are restless, we suggest you take them to Apex Park to play on the fantastic public playground.
- Spectators and volunteers will need to stay on the Eastern (Wallace Street) side of the oval to watch the sprints and relays. Please feel free to BYO chair and / or picnic rug. Only school students and staff are to be sitting near the House Team shades.
- Students are strongly encouraged to stay for the entire day as it is a school event. Many of the students will be required to run in their House Team relays.
- If **students are leaving early**, a parent must speak with the teacher first and then the student must be signed out. The sign out sheets for JP students will be with class teachers and for Year 3-6 students the sign out sheet will be located near the Scorers' tent. First Aid will also be located in the Scorers' tent.

If the weather is going to be warm, we will continually remind students throughout the day to wear their hat, re-apply sunscreen and drink plenty of water.

Looking forward to a great day. We encourage Participation and Good Sportsmanship from competitors and spectators.

Regards, Dianna

TERM 2 STAFF

As we have had some new faces start with us here at BPS, we thought we would keep you all up to date with the staff at BPS.

Principal



Dianna Jarman

Deputy Pricipal



Michelle Pudney

Student Wellbeing Coordinator



Cherie Cleary

Literacy Coordinator



Jo Michalanney

Business Manager



Diane Gregor

Office Support



Michele Davey

Office Support



Megan Arthur

ICT Support



Michael 'Mazz'

Newsletter



Alicia Davey

Room 6 - R/1



Marcia Nowlan

Room 7 - R/1



Emily Behn

Room 8 - R-6



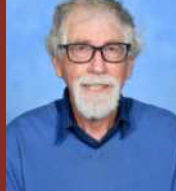
Abby Silverman

Room 2 - Yr 3/4



Jenny Rowland

Room 2 - Yr 3/4



Kym Palka

Ber 1 - Yr 1/2



Wendy Richards

Ber 2 - Yr 3/4



Jess Fiegert

Ber 2 - Yr 3/4



Sam Otta

Ber 3 - Yr 1/2



Courtney Durkay

Ber 4 - Yr 4/5



Bec Houston

Room 18 - Yr 5/6



Jo Michalanney

Room 18 - Yr 5/6



Kym Palka

Room 20 - Yr 5/6



Simone Garrard

Room 20 - Yr 5/6



Kerrie Blackwell

Auslan



Sue-Ann De Vries

Arts & Tech



Jess Bushnell

AECO (Thurs)



Julie McNamara

Student Support



Angela Battle

Student Support



Teagan Carmen

Student Support



Marlene Cott

Student Support



Ken Dalton

Student Support



Dee Daniel

Student Support



Dennis Gathercole

Student Support



Sally Haeses

Pastoral Care
(Mon & Fri)

Louise was unavailable to have a photo taken this week, however please keep an eye out in the next Newsletter for her photo.

Louise Lang

Student Support



Shelly Litzow

Student Support



Sammi Mclean

Student Support



Kym Merchant

Student Support



Kylie Pym

Student Support



Gracie Ross

Student Support



Stacey Thompson

Student Support



Dot Tiller

Student Support



Anastasia White

Student Support



Jason Wilkey



SAPSASA NETBALL



On Wednesday the 1st of May we had SAPSASA Netball. We had to get to the netball courts in Blyth by 8:30 for a 9 o'clock start. When everyone got to the courts we started warming up and played master (netball rules) then Balaklava White started their first game against Burra 1. When it was half time Balaklava Black started their first game against Burra 2. Straight after those games was Balaklava 1 vs Clare 1 and then Balaklava 2 versed Burra 2 at the same time. Next was Balaklava 2 vs Clare 4 and Balaklava 1 vs Clare 3 at the same time. The second to last game before the lunch break was Balaklava 2 vs Clare 1 and Balaklava 1 versed Clare 2. For the last game before Balaklava 2 lunch break was Balaklava 2 vs Clare 2, while Balaklava 1 had a half hour break. Then Balaklava 1 had a break. After they had 1 last game before another half an hour break for lunch which was Balaklava 1 vs Burra 2. When Balaklava 1 finished their game the people that got a lunch order went to the canteen to pick it up. No one from Balaklava played the next game so Balak 1 and 2 watched the games that were being played. After Balak 1 and 2s lunch break they versed Balaklava 2 vs Clare 3 and Balaklava 1 vs Clare 4. Next Balaklava 1 and 2 versed each other it was better playing against people we knew. The last game for Balaklava 2 was against Burra 1. Overall Balaklava 2 won 3 games and Balaklava 1 won 1 game. We had an enjoyable day out and a big thank you to umpires, scorers, coaches and our parents for taking us to Blyth.

- Indi and Brooke



Sarah, Emilee, Tori, Ava, Indi, Brooke, Ella, Anekah, Penelope, Colby, Harper, Charlise, ?, Willow & Jasmine



SAPSASA FOOTBALL



In the morning of Wednesday May 1st we all went to the Blyth main oval and we started kicking the balls in the goals. Then Mrs. M took us to meet our coach Warnsie. After we did some warm ups to get ready for the game. Warnsie showed us the positions and we went and played against Clare 1. We were getting thrashed by Clare 1, and we ended up losing.

We had breaks between games and we then versed Burra and Clare 2 and we lost all our games. Then we had lunch and we had a forty minute break then we played the 3rd vs 4th games and we lost against Clare 2. Then they did 1st vs 2nd and Burra won against Clare 1.

After we all sat down and they told us the people who got into trial for the Mid-North team. When they did, they said that there were five people in the team that was able to trial. They said that Tom, Harry, Taite, Zac and Morgan got in then we left.

A big thank you to Warnsie for coaching, parents for goal umpiring and taking us to Blyth. Unfortunately we didn't win but had a great day out. - **Morgan**



Bryce, Sidney, Morgan, Jed, Henry,
Noah, Zac & Cameron



SAPSASA CROSS COUNTRY



On Monday 13th May we had 2 BPS students, Zac and Charlise head to Burra to compete in the SAPSASA Cross Country. They both ran well in each of their races. Congratulations to Zac who placed 1st out of 34 in his race (it must be the hair!) He will compete in Adelaide in a few weeks time. Congratulations and well done to Zac and Charlise!



FUN FACT: Zac's older brother, Bodie competed in the same race and placed 1st and moved onto the next stage, same as Zac!



School Student
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SPORTING SCHOOLS - SOCCER

We would like to say a big thank you to Sporting Schools, Football Australia and our superstar coach Michael for the delivery of an extensive, fun and skill building soccer program with our Year 3 - 6 Students.



CANTEEN VOLUNTEER ROSTER - TERM 2 2024

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	29/4	30/4	1/5	2/5	3/5
1	<i>BPS Student Free</i>				
	6/5	7/5	8/5	9/5	10/5
2					
	13/5	14/5	15/5	16/5	17/5
3	Jane Brook ½ Day	Jane Brook		Jane Brook	Jane Brook ½ Day
	20/5	21/5	22/5	23/5	24/5
4	Jacqui Gant	Kirsty Williams	Sarah Richards	Barb Rodgers	Tammy Jettner
	27/5	28/5	29/5	30/5	31/5
5		Sharon Higgins	Sascha Tiller		<i>BPS Sports Day</i>
	3/6	4/6	5/6	6/6	7/6
6	Alisha Senior	Clare Elsworth ½ Day	Narelle Michael		Jeremy Lomman
	10/6	11/6	12/6	13/6	14/6
7	<i>Public Holiday</i>	<i>BHS Student Free</i>	Lynette Urwin		Lauren March
	17/6	18/6	19/6	20/6	21/6
8					
	24/6	25/6	26/6	27/6	28/6
9			Lynette Urwin	Barb Rodgers	
	1/7	2/7	3/7	4/7	5/7
10			Sarah Richards		

BLANK SPOTS = VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Any help would be greatly appreciated

Shifts are 9.30am to 12.30pm, ½ days are 9.30am to 11.30am and is indicated on the roster. Please see Lisa if you are available to help on any additional days. If your rostered date/day doesn't suit or cannot make it on the day, please message or ring 0408852407. Alternatively, please email canteen.BHS940@schools.sa.edu.au. Thank you for your generosity, and we look forward to working with you soon.



WEEK 2 ASSEMBLY AWARDS



Room 6
Ava & Alice



Room 7
Alfie & Anastasiya



Room 8
Oscar



Room 2
Evie, Levi & Jameson



Ber 1
Hazel & Cj



Ber 2
Emma & Letty



Ber 3
Amahli, Jordan, Tobie & Sam



Ber 4
Dylan, Sofia & Lacey



Room 18
Ella & Tamika



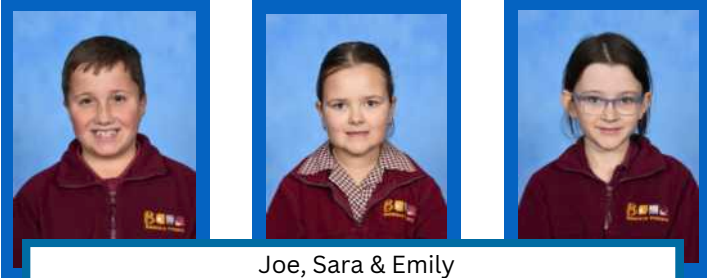
Room 20
Egypt & Zac

LEXILE AWARDS

BLUE



Georgia, Jameson, Kendall, Zoe, Rosie, Michelle, Adam, Jett, Mackenzie & Ayden



Joe, Sara & Emily

RED



Georgia, Jack, Bradley, Archer, Jakob & Arlo



LEXILE AWARDS

BRONZE



Penelope, Patrick & Alivia

SILVER



Matilda



Rhea

cool kids
READ
BOOKS



LEXILE AWARDS

PRC



Millah, Mariah, Casey, Willow, Alfie, Pip, Matilda, Lucy & Rosie



Rhea, Olly & Sam

READING AWARDS



25 nights: Amahli, Luca, Kyron & Mahalia



50 nights: Leo, Jed, Liam, Shayla & Aubree



75 nights: Derek



100 nights: Madison & Derek

DID YOU KNOW?



Giraffes are 30 times more likely to get hit by lightning than people.

INTERESTING FACT

BPS DICTIONARY

Balaklava Primary School

Do you know what OSU stands for?

- O Open
- S Space
- U Unit



BUS ROAD UPGRADE

The Bus Road widening and resurfacing project has gone smoothly with handover happening today.

Thank you to the Wakefield Regional Council for their support with signs and cones to allow our buses to line up without issues on Gwy terrace.

Students have been great at lining up each afternoon to get on the buses safely. Thankyou to BHS and BPS staff for their extra support with supervision, doing extra yard duties and maintaining student safety on Gwy Terrace.



CULTURAL BURNS EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, 21 & 22 MAY

Nharangga dhura (Narungga people) have used sophisticated land management practices for tens of thousands of years.

Knowing where, when and how often to culturally gambadja (burn) their yarda (land) comes from an intimate connection and understanding.

- 10.30am, Tuesday 21 May at Warooka Football Clubrooms
- 2pm, Tuesday 21 May at Weaners Flat Hall, Yorketown
- 5.30pm, Tuesday 21 May at Minlaton Golf Clubrooms
- 10.30am, Wednesday 22 May at Maitland Football Clubrooms
- 2pm, Wednesday 22 May at Ardrossan Football Clubrooms

Registrations are required. To RSVP, please email Letitia at letitia.dahl-helm@yorke.sa.gov.au, advising of the location you wish to attend.



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TERM 2 PLANNER

WEEK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1	29/4 STUDENT FREE DAY	30/4 First day of Term 2	1/5 SAPSASA: Football & Netball - Blyth	2/5 Newsletter	3/5 PCC Mtg 1:30pm
2	6/5	7/5	8/5 MOTHERS DAY STALL	9/5	10/5 WALK 2 SCHOOL DAY Footsteps Assembly 2:20pm
3	13/5 SAPSASA Cross Country - Burra	14/5 Fiance & Gov Council Mtg	15/5	16/5 Newsletter	17/5 Footsteps
4	20/5	21/5	22/5 National Storytime	23/5 POSTPONED \$1000 PHOTOS	24/5 Footsteps PCC Mtg 1:30pm Assembly 2:20pm
5	27/5 National Reconciliation Week	28/5	29/5 Bus Mtg - 5pm	30/5 Newsletter	31/5 SPORTS DAY 
6	3/6 Mabo Day	4/6 BCCC - BPS Transition: until 12:00pm ThinkUKnow Parent Session	5/6 Grounds Mtg - 5pm	6/6	7/6 Footsteps Assembly 2:20pm
7	10/6 Public Holiday King's Birthday	11/6 Finance Mtg BHS - SFD	12/6 BCCC - BPS Transition: until 1:30pm	13/6 Newsletter	14/6 Footsteps
8	17/6 Road Safety - SAPOL	18/6 BCCC - BPS Transition: all day Gov Council Mtg	19/6	20/6 RE - TBC	21/6 Footsteps Assembly 2:20pm
9	24/6 Gymnastics	25/6	26/6	27/6 Newsletter	28/6 Think you know cyber safety - Federal police session
10	1/7 NAIDOC Week	2/7	3/7	4/7	5/7 Last Day of Term 2 2:10pm Early Dismissal

-  Assemblies
-  Student Free Days
-  Meetings
-  Excursions
-  SAPSASA
-  Cultural Dates