



Term 2, Week 5 ~ 30th May 2024

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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 with part of our new line marking! More images on Page 9.

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY
31st SPORTS DAY
POSTPONED

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
14th Footsteps Dance
17th Road Safety - SAPOL

18th BCCC - BPS Transition:
all day
Gov Council Meeting

Community Assemblies
Will be held in Week 6 & 8 at
2:20pm on Friday's.
Week 10 assembly time to
be confirmed.





FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WITH DEEPEST Sympathy

The staff, students and wider community send Wendy Richards and her family our sincere condolences on the passing of her son, Matt. Our thoughts are with Wendy and her family at this difficult time.

SPORTS DAY

Due to an increase in Covid cases and illness at BPS we have made the decision to postpone Sports Day.

New date: **Tuesday 2nd July 2024**

Thank you for your understanding regarding postponing Sports Day. We had made a decision earlier in the week that we would try and run Sports Day and modify it around rain events. However, as the week progressed and we saw a significant increase in the number of student and staff absence due to Covid and non-covid related illnesses, we decided that it would be in the best interest of all to postpone the day.

We hope that you are preparing your rain dances so that it continues to rain for the remainder of Thursday and Friday.

Please note:

Sports Day pre-ordered lunches will **NOT be served tomorrow.**

They will be held over until Sports Day.



The BHS / BPS Schools Canteen **WILL** be open tomorrow for lunch orders.

Sports Day lunch orders - paper order and QKR will re-open on Thursday 13th June, Week 7 and close on Tuesday 25th June, Week 9 for those who are now able to come to Sports Day and would like to order lunches.

In the Week 7 Newsletter, we will provide you with a process for asking for a refund if you can no longer attend Sports Day due to the new date, and will therefore require a credit.



Cupcakes

Thank you to all who offered to donate cupcakes for Sports Day. These will also be held over until the new date, Tuesday 2nd July 2024, Week 10 and therefore, there will not be cupcake sales at BPS tomorrow (Fri 31st May).

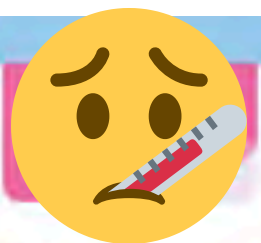


Illness

Thank you for your continued support in stopping the spread. We are aware that, as well as Covid, there are a number of other illnesses (eg Cold and flu) circulating through the community. It is essential, in order to keep everyone safe, to stay away from School if you are unwell. This directive is for staff, students and community. We ask that anyone who is positive for Covid stays away from the School for **5 days** (or longer if still symptomatic). **For other illnesses, we ask that staff and students remain away from School for 48 hours from the last symptom to ensure they are completely well.**

At the time of writing, due to illness, we do have a shortage of teaching staff. We do our absolute best to cover all classes, however, this is not always possible. If we have to distribute the students amongst other classes in the school, we provide them with year level appropriate work so that they have continuity in their learning. We thank you for your understanding with this.

HELP STOP THE SPREAD



If you are sick or don't feel well, **tell your teacher.**

Remember to:



Cover your coughs and sneezes with your arm or a tissue (not your hands).



Put your used tissues in a bin straight away and then wash your hands.



Try not to touch your **mouth or face.**



Don't hold hands with others.



Wash your hands often with soap and water, including before and after eating and after going to the toilet.

HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY



Australian Government

For more information about **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** visit australia.gov.au

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.

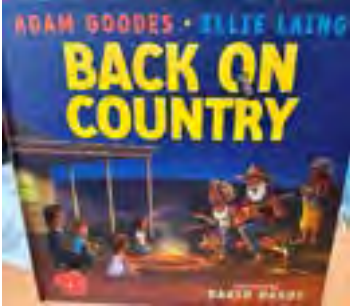
For more information, you can visit www.thinkuknow.org.au or contact Michelle Pudney on 88621660.



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

This week marks National Reconciliation Week, with the 2024 theme 'Now More Than Ever.' It serves as a powerful reminder that the commitment to achieving equality for First Nations people must continue.

This week at BPS we have been reading books written by First Nation authors each morning. We have read, Back on Country and Silly Birds.



More activities have included - wear a splash of yellow, headbands, as well as two more stories written by First Nation authors, Bold Australian Girl and Mad Magpie.



A CALL OUT TO ALL OUR HISTORIANS

Do you or do you know anyone who can help?

I am currently trying to research information about our House Team names. Our 4 House Teams are named after 4 closed schools in the area: East Cameron; later known as Nantawarra school, Preston, Brightwood and Dalkey.

I have been able to find out the following information;

BRIGHTWOOD

As the bullock drivers reached the top of the sandhill that marked the end of the Devil's Garden, the most treacherous part of their journey to the Port was over, and the outlook thereon was bright, hence they called the hilltop, Bright Outlook. It is from this name and that the school which was built of Murray Box timber; the school was called Brightwood School.

In 1889 the area became submerged in floodwaters that could not escape, the school was flooded and a boat was required to rescue articles from the building, via the window. In 1892 the school was rebuilt to higher ground a little to the north-west.

The school closed in 1943.

A different source reported that the school opened in 1878 and closed in 1937.

PRESTON

Preston is to the south-west of Balaklava. The Preston school opened in section 540, about 1878. It closed in the vicinity of 1913. Due to an increase of children in the area in the late 1920s the school reopened and continued until 1937 when it closed permanently. 1878-1937

In 1885 a Mr Graham was teacher at Preston school, he was a very keen cricketer and encouraged the boys to play the game. He stayed at the school for a long time and due to his efforts the Preston Cricket Club was formed in 1894. They played on a dirt wicket in a paddock owned by John Saint. Later a concrete pitch was laid on Kirkland's farm.

CAMERON

Cameron East – changed to Nantawarra. We haven't found much information on Cameron so any information would be helpful.

1873-1968

DALKEY

1879-1964

A new school was built at Dalkey in 1905 and closed in 1917 during World War I.

Dalkey was named after the seaside resort in Dublin, Ireland.

I gave our House Captains the job of researching the names of their teams as I thought it would be interesting for students to be aware of the origin of the team names. When we all began our research we quickly found out that we needed to draw upon local knowledge. Hoping that someone in our community can assist.

Cherie Cleary and the 16 House Captains and Vice Captains.



NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME



Students and staff joined over 2 million people on Wednesday 22nd May to listen to Aura Parker's live reading of *Bowerbird Blues*. We then built our own Bower and Mrs Cleary taught us some great information about Bowerbirds.



BHS STAGE 1 CHILD STUDIES

The Stage 1 Child Studies class from BHS have been learning how to educate young children about the important role movement has a healthy lifestyle. In small groups they designed and implemented a children's fitness program that focused on age-appropriate exercises, games, and activities to promote physical well-being.

The Year 11 students implemented their fitness program with Room 6 students. The BPS students engaged in a number of activities such as yoga, nature walking, jungle jiving and Simon says just to name a few. The BPS students provided feedback to the Year 11 students which included my body is "exhausted/sweaty/puffed out/happy/hot".

Thankyou Year 11 BHS Students.



New playground marking

Have you helped us fundraise over the last 18 months?

Did you make a donation through:

- the 2023 Colour Run?
- Casual Clothes days?
- Baking or buying Cupcakes at Sports Day”
- End of Year Raffle?
- Mother’s Day and Father’s Day gifts?
- Pre-loved uniforms?
- attended the disco?
- helping or donating to: SAPSASA Basketball, Balaklava Eisteddfod, Balaklava Show, Swimming Carnival?
- buying drinks or ice blocks at Welcome night?

just to name a few plus many more.....

If so, **THANK YOU**. You helped the SRC reach their goal of raising **\$18,000** to enable us to have this playground marking completed.

Keep your eyes peeled for what the students have in mind for their next fundraising goal!



Special thank you to EduMarking Australia for creating these Playground Markings.

YOU CAN CUT THESE OUT AND USE THEM AS BOOKMARKS

THE ALPHABET IS A CODE

I need to learn how to crack it.

eight	eigh t
honey	h o n e y
bees	b e e s
around	a r o u n d
fly	f l y
hive	h i v e ↻
air	a i r

In collaboration with Tiny Steps make Big Strides.

 Keechaminter

IF I GET STUCK

 Look through the whole word, left to right.

 Use a finger to segment the words into sounds, syllables or chunks.

 Blend the sounds and link to the letter strings I see.

 I can listen to my own voice, slow my thoughts and think... Does that word make sense?

 Ask for help if I don't know.

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BEFORE READING

What do you think this story is about? Why do you think that?

Do you think this piece of text is fiction or non-fiction? Why do you think that?

What characters do you think might be in the story?

What clues are in the title or any pictures?

What do you already know about the topic of this story?

Does the topic of this story remind you of anything you have seen or done before?



DURING READING

What will happen next in the story? Why do you think that?

How do you feel about the main character?

Are there any ways that you can identify with any of the characters? Who? Why/why not?

How do you think the story is going to end?

How does this story connect with you and your life?

Has anything like this ever happened to you before?

What emotions do you think the main character is feeling? Why?

Do you know someone in your life who is like one of the characters? Who and how?

How are you different to the main character?

What pictures have you had in your mind as you've been reading?

If you were in the story, what do you think you would hear, taste, smell or feel?

Can you put what you have read so far in your own words?

AFTER READING

What is the main message of this story?

What did you like or dislike about the story?

What was the author's purpose? How do you know this?

Was there a problem to be resolved in the story? If so, how was it resolved?

Have your feelings about any of the characters changed? How?

How did the story make you feel?

How would you feel if the problem in the story happened to you?

Did you enjoy the story? Why/why not?

Were you surprised by the ending? Why/why not?

Would you recommend this story to someone else to read? Why/why not?

If this story had a sequel, what do you think it would be about?

What questions do you have for the author?



QKR HELP



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TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How are Qkr! Refunds processed?

A. Qkr! refunds for food orders:

To reduce school costs, cancelled food orders are refunded as a credit for future orders. Refunded items are shown in red on your eReceipt confirming that an item/s or order has been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any outstanding food order credits will be automatically be deducted from your next Qkr! food order.

Qkr! refunds for all other payments (non-food):

Please contact your school office directly to cancel any other (non-food) school payments. These refunds need to be processed through the school office according to school policy.



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TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How do I cancel Food orders that have already been paid for?

A. To cancel a food order from your itemized eReceipt:

1. Open Qkr! and tap Activity.
2. Scroll down to 'Order History' and sign in with your password.
3. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.
4. If your eReceipt concerns food orders for more than one child, you will need to cancel one by one.

To cancel a food order from the collector view:

1. Open Qkr! and select the relevant menu.
2. Tap on the tick icon on the date for which you want to cancel the order.
3. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.

Cancelled items are shown in red on your eReceipt, confirming they have been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any credits will be automatically deducted from your next Qkr! food order.

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2024 TRANSITION

BCCC TO BPS - SCHOOL VISITS

TUESDAY 4TH JUNE, WEEK 6 - UNTIL 12:00PM

WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE, WEEK 7 - UNTIL 1:30PM

TUESDAY 18TH JUNE, WEEK 8 - ALL DAY



READING IS MAGIC

Congratulations to:

Mrs Michalanney
&
Mr Palka

who are this weeks
Reading is Magic
Teacher!



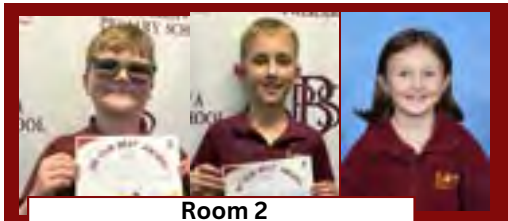
WEEK 4 ASSEMBLY AWARDS



Room 6
Liam, Charlie & Jyran



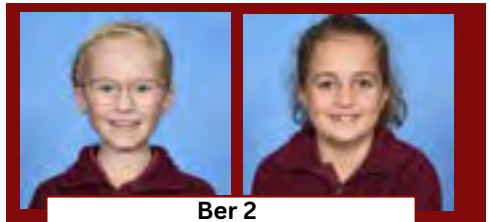
Room 7
Wayne & Zaphera



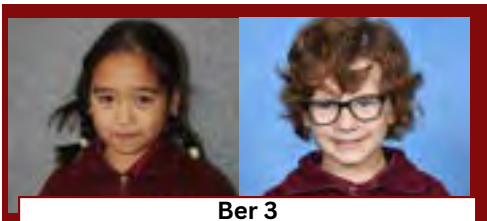
Room 2
Wyatt, Alfie & Madilyn



Ber 1
Madison & Joanna



Ber 2
Indianna & Georgia



Ber 3
Guia & Kaiden



Ber 4
Laura & Cody



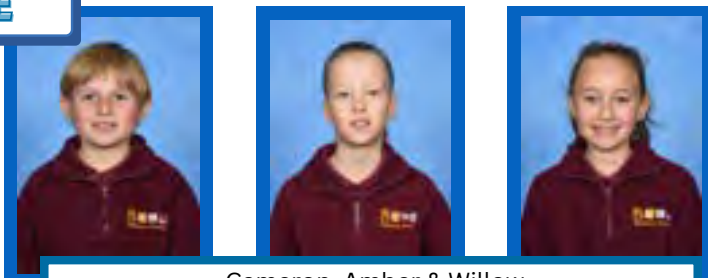
Room 18
Penelope & Ruby



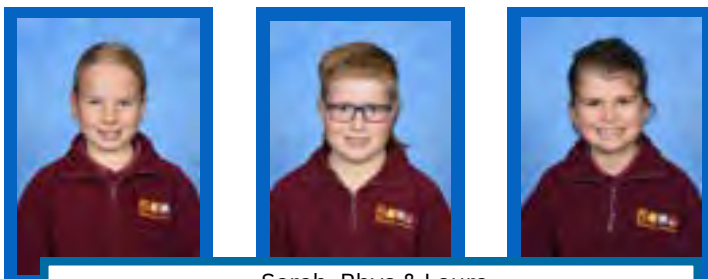
Room 20
Marlee & Egypt

LEXILE AWARDS

BLUE



Cameron, Amber & Willow



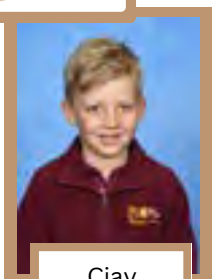
Sarah, Rhys & Laura

RED



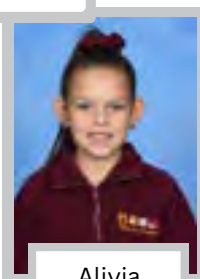
Charlotte, Nellie, Mackenzie & Holly

BRONZE



Cjay

SILVER



Alivia

LEXILE AWARDS

PRC



Jordan, Emilee & Nellie



Georgia & Ruby

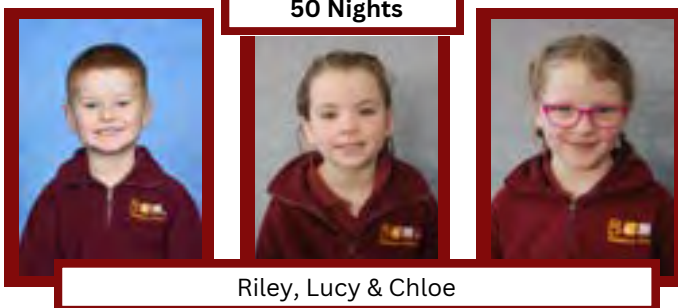
READING AWARDS

25 Nights



Emma

50 Nights



Riley, Lucy & Chloe

ROOM 7

In Room 7 we have begun our Physical Science unit. We are investigating forces and motion.

In today's lesson we created puppets that can be pushed and pulled. It was lots of fun!! "
- Miss Behn



DID YOU KNOW?



A crocodile can not stick it's tongue out!


INTERESTING FACT

BPS DICTIONARY

Balaklava Primary School

Do you know what BER stands for?

B	Building	The Federal Government funding that paid for the Ber Building
E	Education	
R	Revolution	



Have you seen our new flag poles and flags? We are very proud to fly the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flags near the Front Office, provided by Mr Rowan Ramsey MP and Vivienne Churchett. Thank you to Ber 4 and Ber 2 students for fulfilling their flag duties during Semester 1.



COMMUNITY NEWS

VITERRA

Something to CROW about!

Country Connect
with past and present AFL & AFLW players

hosted by **BUTE FOOTBALL CLUB**

Sponsors Day with the Crows

Saturday June 1 | 10am - onwards
Bute Football Club

Junior coaching clinic

Sunday June 2 | 10am-11am
Bute Football Club

bca: **LEGALLY BLONDE**
The Musical

BOOKED BY: LAURENCE O'KEEFE & NEIL BENJAMIN
BOOK BY: HEATHER HACH

Balalava Town Hall

JUNE 22ND 7:30PM (SEATED)
JUNE 23RD 2:00PM (SEATED)
JUNE 28TH 7:30PM (BYO CABBARET)
JUNE 29TH 7:30PM (BYO CABBARET)

Tickets
BY SCAN THIS QR CODE
VISIT <https://www.ticketbooking.com/C/PHAD>
OR CALL ANNE READ (0185 77) 948

ADULT \$30 CONCESSION \$20 CHILDREN \$10
EARLY BIRD (JUNE 21-26) \$15
AGE 21 OR OLDER MUST HAVE IDENTIFICATION

BASED ON THE NOVEL BY AMANDA BROWN AND THE METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER ACTION PICTURE

FOLLOW US

Balalava Primary School
786 likes · 845 members

Balalava Primary School Volunteers
Private group · 146 members

TERM 2 PLANNER

WEEK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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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 Finance & Gov Council Mtg	15/5	16/5 Newsletter	17/5 Footsteps
4	20/5	21/5	22/5 National Simultaneous Storytime	23/5 POSTPONED 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 POSTPONED SPORTS
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 Rec - Yr 2	25/6	26/6	27/6 Newsletter	28/6 ThinkUKnow Cyber Safety - Federal Police session
10	1/7 NAIDOC Week	2/7 NEW DATE SPORTS DAY 	3/7	4/7	5/7 Last Day of Term 2 2:10pm Early Dismissal

	Assemblies		Student Free Days
	Meetings		Excursions
	SAPSASA		Cultural Dates