

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.



Lots of 'Michele' look-a-likes from the Last Day of Term 3.

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER
 23rd School Photos
 29th Room 6 & 7 - Zoo Excursion
 Finance Meeting
 Gov Council Meeting

NOVEMBER
1st Student Free Day
 4th Children's Uni Graduation - Adelaide

11th 2025 Reception
 Students Parent Mtg - 1:30pm
 11th-Book Fair
 15th
 15th Purple for Sanfilippo
 19th BCCC (Balaklava Children's Community Centre) Transition until 11am

27th BCCC Transition until 1:30pm
DECEMBER
 3rd BCCC Transition all day

Community Assemblies
 Assemblies for Term 4 will be advised.





FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME

Welcome to the final term for 2024. I trust that everyone had a lovely break and are ready for Term 4. We warmly welcome our new students. It is hard to believe that we only have 8 weeks of school left (at the end of this week). Term 4 is extremely busy and action packed. We continue to update our Term Planner each fortnight, in between newsletters please ensure you are keeping an eye on Facebook, Audiri and SeeSaw. It is essential that BPS families are connected to both Audiri and SeeSaw to ensure you don't miss out on important information. If you are having difficulties with either App, please speak with your child's teacher or office staff.

This term we also welcome back, Taylor who has been working away overseas. We also say goodbye to Gracie.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder that all students are required to wear a hat while out in the yard. Students who are not wearing a hat will be given a reminder and asked to play in a designated 'no hat' play area. It is expected that students wear our BPS broad brimmed hat and that it has not been cut or drawn on. Now that the weather is warming up, if you are clearing out your child's winter uniform, please consider donation it to the school for our Pre-loved Uniform Shop.

We do have a range of pre-loved summer clothes (t-shirt, shorts and dresses) in stock at the moment. Please contact the office to check for specific sizing.



2025

Classes:

It is that time of the school year that staff are thinking forward to 2025. It is extremely important that we know your intentions for 2025 in order to have class numbers as accurate as possible. If you know of anyone moving into the area, please encourage them to book a time to meet with me, Dianna. Please send an email, text or give a ring if your children will not be attending Balaklava Primary next year. We appreciate your support in helping to make this process as streamlined as possible.

Placements:

The class placement process will begin as soon as we have the structures in place. This process is completed over a number of weeks and staff work hard to ensure we place students carefully in regards to class size and structure. We also try to ensure we put together groups of students who will work and learn well together.

To do this we consider:

- The learning needs of each child
- A good balance of boys and girls
- Learning abilities
- Each child's friendship needs

Teachers will give strong consideration to each child's friendship needs. If friends do not work well together, teachers may decide not to put them into the same class. School is a time to learn to develop new friendships. A new class and a new school year is an ideal time to make new friends. A few children have very special learning or health needs. If you believe that your child has such needs, we will strive to do our very best to take this into consideration when we finalise classes, but due to a range of complexities, this may not always be possible.

While we welcome letters regarding other parental considerations, we must stress that requests will be considered but are not always possible. We do not ask that you do not request specific teachers as staffing for 2025 has not been confirmed.

Please ensure all requests are forwarded in writing via a letter addressed to myself or emailed to dl.0477.info@schools.sa.edu.au. Letters of request need to be sent through by no later than Friday 1st Nov.

STUDENT FREE DAY

A reminder that we have a Student Free day on Friday 1st Nov, Week 3. This is our fourth and final Student Free day for 2024.



This was originally planned for later in the term, however, with the new direction that the department is taking around the Public Education Strategy, the adoption of the South Australian Curriculum and Site Learning Plans for 2025, we no longer needed to leave our Student Free Day until mid term, and thus, have realigned with BHS.

We know that aligning our Student Free Days is always better for our community, and when it is within our control, we will endeavour to do so. Across our local education sites, we do have individual, site specific needs. At times, this may include booking a presenter to deliver site specific learning. It is in cases such as this that we don't have as much flexibility around the date of our Student Free Day.

At these times, if BHS is open, and BPS is closed, the School Buses will still run. It is only when BPS and BHS are both closed that the School Buses will not run into Balaklava. If BHS and BPS are closed, the Owen bus will continue to run into Owen Primary School.



This term, we have moved to using the Department for Education (DfE) organisation system for digital administration and communication - EdSmart. The use of Edsmart will allow for more efficient collection and storage of consent forms and permission slips.

On Tuesday, 15/10, you should have received an email from Balaklava Primary School with the subject - ED SMART - electronic consent form. See example below.

From here on in, this term, for excursions, staff will not be sending home a paper copy of the Consent form. Instead you will receive it in your inbox and we ask you to complete it online and submit. As per DfE policy, no child will be allowed to go on an excursion without this consent being returned before the day of the excursion.

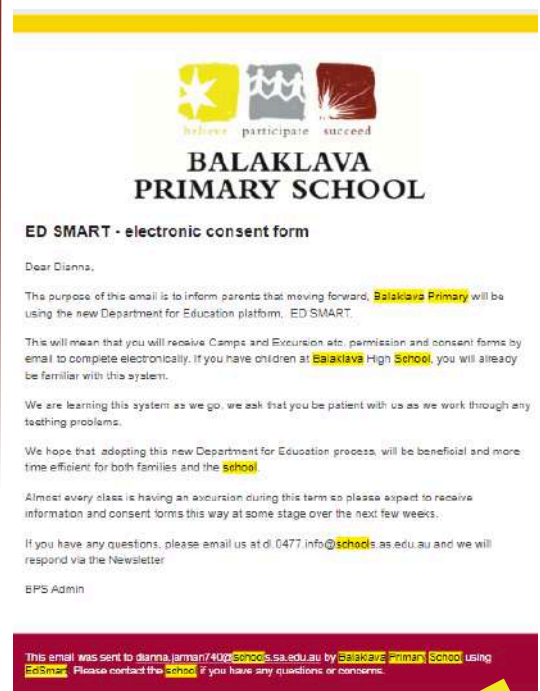
Today, if you have a child in Rm 6 or 7, you will receive a copy of the Zoo consent form.

The email should also contain information such as:

- Cost
- Requirements

Unfortunately payment is not linked to the EdSmart form. You will still need to undertake your usual preferred method of payment - QQR, payment to the office, Cash etc.

If you have any questions, please contact the front office staff.



CRAZY HAIR DAY



If you thought you were seeing double or even triple on the last day of school, don't worry it wasn't your eyes! There were multiple 'Michele' duplicates. Even some of the students had to look twice! We said goodbye to Michele in a very colorful and crazy hair way on the last day of Term 3. It was lovely to see all the students dress up and some students went to the effort of putting nails on to be exactly like Michele!



CRAZY HAIR DAY



TRANSITION

KINDY:

The classroom visits from Kindy children who will be starting at Balaklava Primary School in 2025 will increase this term. This is an opportunity for the children and their families to build confidence about their approaching time at BPS and for us all to get to know the students a little better.

KINDY TRANSITION DATES:

Tuesday 19th Nov (Week 6) - Until 11am
Wednesday 27th Nov (Week 7) - Until 1:30pm
Tuesday 3rd Dec (Week 8) - all day

Kindy parents received a named enrolment pack with further information about these visits. **We ask that all kindy children have their enrolment paperwork returned prior to their first visit.**

2025 RECEPTION STUDENTS PARENT MEETING

Monday 11th Nov (Week 5) - 1:30pm
or
Thursday 21st Nov (Week 6) - 1:30pm

Junior primary teachers, Marcia Nowlan and Emily Behn will talk with you about our curriculum and what your child will require to start school. Optional school tours will be available. More information regarding the optional school tours will be released in the next few weeks.

YEAR 6:

this term is an especially exciting one for the Year 6 students. As they look back on their time in Primary School, prepare for graduation and possible changes ahead in friendships and routines, they will need our support and understanding.

We are looking for their best effort and a memorable last term with us here at BPS.

Simone and Jo will continue to communicate with Year 6 families about the transition program for the term.

Did you know Balaklava High School have a Facebook page. Like the page to stay up to date with things happening at the High School.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAYS

Thursday 5th Dec (Week 8) &
Friday 6th Dec (Week 8)

YEAR 6 GRADUAION AT BPS

TBC



BPS UNIFORM INFORMATION

HATS:

Maroon broad brimmed, bucket hat.

TO BE WORN ALL YEAR ROUND

POLO SHIRT:

Maroon.

(White no longer school uniform)

SHORTS:

Boys: School Grey / or Black - no logos.

SHORTS / SKORTS:

Girls: Maroon, regulation maroon check or Black - no logos.

DRESS:

Regulation maroon check - (dress and material available at school).

KILT:

Regulation maroon plaid (material available at school).

WINDCHEATERS:

Maroon or Maroon with school logo.

LONG PANTS:

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

Girls: Black - no leggings, stripes or denim.

BEANIE, SCARF, HEADBAND:

Maroon (optional).

SPRAY JACKET:

Black (optional) (waterproof with hood).

LIBRARY BAGS

New Library bags are available to purchase from the front office.



SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

The Parent Coordinating Committee (PCC) 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 dresses, shorts and kilts
- School Hats
- Library Bags
- School Bags

Please see the staff in the front desk.

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



Thankyou

We ♥ our Volunteers

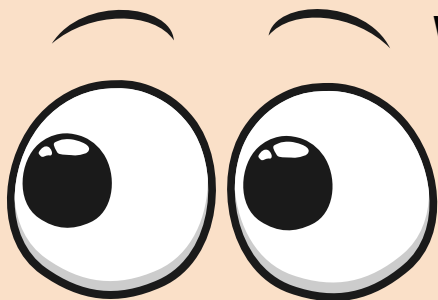
Thank you to everyone who donated goods, money or their time toward's this fundraiser.

Balaklava Show

We are greatly appreciative of those volunteers who put their hand up to help out on Balaklava Show Day. Many hands make light work!

- Carly F
- Sam W
- Rose H
- Tess W
- Bonnie M
- Amy M
- Lauren M
- Kelvin T
- Michelle P
- Angela B
- James R
- Bridget G
- Dianna J
- Ali T
- Jade K
- Megan A
- Alisha S
- Melissa M
- Nikki Mc
- Jenny Mc
- Shannon P
- Paul H
- Barb R
- Dot T
- Diane G
- Cherie W
- Tracy H
- Clare E
- Stacey C
- Tatum D
- Lucy S
- Jenny R
- Elly S
- Cheyenne J
- Keli C
- Sandra P
- Kate B
- Holly C
- Kate R
- Tammy N
- Alicia T
- Gaynor T
- Larissa McP
- Helen P

Also a MASSIVE THANK YOU to Foodland Balaklava who either discounted or donated the Fruit & Vegetables we needed for show day.



**WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS
FOR:**

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Next Week - Wednesday 23rd October,

Please refer to the post on Balaklava Primary School Volunteers Facebook page if you are able to help out.



Fruit time in Ber 4



At Balaklava Primary School, every class has a healthy snack time before the recess break each day. In Ber 4, we incorporate healthy snack and circle time together in our morning routine. This has encouraged students to develop healthy eating habits and students have enjoyed fresh fruit that I sometimes provide such as watermelon, rockmelon, apples and oranges. Each day students sit in a circle (inspired by yarn circles). This gives everyone the opportunity to be respected, learn from each other and share knowledge.

Here are some things that Ber 4 students enjoy about our circle time:

- We all get a turn
- People listen to the speaker
- We have a different talking topic every day
- I like to share my interests
- I try new fruits
- I like sitting outside in the circle as a class
- I like my fruit being cut
- We learn things about each other
- We all get a turn to speak and be heard
- I eat some fruits now
- I like the shared fruit
- We have a 5-minute game after
- We get to sit next to friends





Room 8 Zoo Excursion



On Tuesday of week 9, Room 8 went to the Variety-Children's Charity's Zoo Day. We got a mini bus to the zoo. At the zoo they gave us wristbands, a map of the zoo and some snacks. We saw lots of animals and watched the sea lion being fed. The sea lion did some tricks like catching the fish the zoo keeper threw. One time when the zoo keeper threw some fish, a 1-legged sea gull caught it first. It was funny. The tiger was my favourite animal because it was cute and I liked watching the dingos playing. At first the dingos were sleeping, but we went back later and they were playing. It was an awesome day. - **Adam**





Room 6 & 7

Zoo Excursion

TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER

STUDENT FREE DAY

FRIDAY 1ST NOV

No school buses will be running.
School and buses will return to normal on
Monday 4th November.



HOUSE TEAM QUIZ



On the 25th September, students in Year 3 - 6 had a house team quiz.

Thankyou to Mrs Cleary for organising! The students had lots of fun!



CHILDRENS UNIVERSITY



Congratulations to the 23 graduating students for 2024!



Graduation: Monday 4th Nov, Week 4
Adelaide Bonython Hall

We will be in contact soon with graduating families as we will organise a bus to go down and back and will need to know numbers.

SRC NEWS

Here are some of the things the SRC (Student Representative Committee) have been up to lately:

- Organised a 70s, 80s & 90s theme Disco at the end of last term
- Have been requested to fix some things around the school
- Currently planning a basketball tournament for the Upper Primary students, when the SRC have finalised all the details they will announce how you can sign up

Look for the fortnightly SRC News update in each Newsletter!

SRC would like to TURN THE SCHOOL PURPLE

Each year SRC students look through different charity's to support each year. This year they have chosen the 'Purple for Sanfilippo'.

World Sanfilippo Awareness Day takes place 16 November each year and aims to spread awareness and spark conversations about Sanfilippo syndrome. This special day honours individuals and families around the world living with Sanfilippo today, and those who have passed away.

Friday 15th Nov, Week 5

Wear as much purple as you possibly can

A small donation to go towards the charity would be appreciated.

More information will be available in the next Newsletter.



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Balaklava Primary School

Day of Photography

23/10/2024

1. Please wear your full school uniform
2. Please place your order online before the day of photography
- Go to **www.advancedlife.com.au** and enter this code:

E7H MHZ A5P

3. Payment can be made using Visa, Mastercard or PayPal
4. If you are unable to order online, please hand your completed order envelope directly to the photographers on the day of photography

If you have any queries concerning school photographs and ordering, please contact **advancedlife** directly:
www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

**Forms went out
on Tuesday 15th
Oct (This week)**

advancedlife
school photography & print specialists

BALAKLAVA PRIMARY
SCHOOL

10 CHRISTMAS HAMPERS RAFFLE

Each student is being asked to donate an item towards the class Christmas Hamper to be raffled and drawn at the

END OF YEAR
CONCERT

2024

DECEMBER

9

MONDAY

ON THE SCHOOL OVAL

Donations of:

Christmas decorations cans and jars of food, sweets, stationary, small gifts etc may be included. *(NB: No second hand goods please)*

We would appreciate each student donating one item towards their class hamper

Donations can be brought it from anytime now

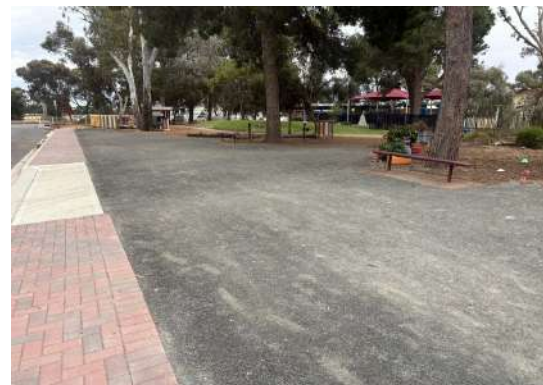
\$1 PER TICKET

WIN A WONDERFUL SURPRISE JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS!

Booklets of tickets will be sent home with the Week 3 Newsletter for the students to sell and additional tickets will be available from the front office.

Tickets (sold and unsold) must be returned to the school with any money no later than Friday 6th Dec, Week 8.

Facility Update



CROSSING MONITORS TERM 4, 2024

TIME	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
8:25am - 8:45am	Harper J Jameson Z	Coby G Penelope L	Morgan L Bryce G	Penelope L Ella McD	Sofia M Kendall M
TEACHER	Mrs Pudney	Mrs Pudney	Mrs Jarman	Mrs Jarman	Mrs Jarman
3:05pm - 3:20pm	Dylan G Zac D	Lucas w Jasmine S	Laua T Tim / Willow F <small>Odd Weeks/Even Weeks</small>	<small>Odd Weeks</small> Casey K/Athena L <small>Even Weeks</small> Emilee M/Sarah D	Fletcher R Millah R
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



Balaklava
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

SUN 15 DEC 2024

12PM- FESTIVITIES
1PM- PARADE @ TOWN TRIANGLE

FREE JUMPY CASTLE	FOOD VANS	MARKETS	SANTA'S CAVE
ENTERTAINMENT	FACE PAINT	PRIZES FOR BEST	DECORATED FLOAT
FAIRY FLOSS	LIONS VAN	LISA'S LATTE	

Antique & collectable Valuation Day at Urlwin Park Balaklava Museum

Saturday 23rd November : 11am - 4pm with a small break at 12:30pm

Tickets: \$20 (Entry, 1 valuation and tea/coffee included)

Phone: 0461 491 160

Museum open to General public - \$5 Adult, \$1 Children,
complementary tea/coffee

COMMUNITY NEWS



DJ & COCKTAIL NIGHT
hosted by
BALAKLAVA BOWLING CLUB

DISCO FEVER WITH DJ HOLZY

NOVEMBER 16 DOORS OPEN AT 7PM

DRINKS - FINGER FOOD - SILENT AUCTIONS/Raffles

\$60 p.p
 INCLUDES 5 FREE COCKTAILS

DID SOMEONE SAY WINE WALL?
 CONTACT SAM TILLER - 0409 096 434

FURTHER QUESTIONS CONTACT JULIE KRIEG - 0408 005 468



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

NETBALL

COACHING POSITIONS

All 2025 netball coaching positions are open

A1 • A2 • A3 • A4 • A5
 17&U • 15&U • 13&Ua • 13&Ub • 11&U • 9&U • NETSET

SUBMIT EOI TO [BALAKNETBALL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BalakNetball@gmail.com) BY 31 OCTOBER 2024

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT NETBALL PRESIDENT MEGAN ARTHUR 0438 621 205



LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

ADELAIDE PLAINS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Bulldogs Basketball Club - Train @ Ralli Park on Tuesdays
 Balaklava Basketball Club - Train @ Ralli Park on Wednesdays
 Owen Basketball Club - Train @ Owen on Tuesdays

SEASON COMMENCES 18TH OCTOBER 2024

CONTACT DETAILS:
 Bulldogs - bulldogsbasketballclub@outlook.com
 Balaklava - balaklavabbc@gmail.com
 Owen - owensecretary@outlook.com



BALAKLAVA TENNIS CLUB

JUNIORS (U17) AFFILIATED WITH LNTA
 HOT SHOTS PROGRAM - 5 YEARS & ABOVE
 NAMES NEEDED BY 20TH SEPTEMBER TO ANDREW LANE 0418 106 645 OR HROLD@BIGPOND.COM

SATURDAY SENIORS AFFILIATED WITH MNTA
 NAMES TO BEN MICHAEL 0427 199 195

THURSDAY NIGHT TENNIS
 NAMES TO DARREN SCHOLZ 0429 622 144 BY 1ST OCTOBER.

SEASONS START MID/LATE OCTOBER



TERM 4 PLANNER

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	14/10 STUDENT FREE DAY	15/10 Term 4 Begins	16/10	17/10 <i>Newsletter</i>	18/10
2	21/10	22/10	23/10 SCHOOL PHOTOS	24/10	25/10
3	28/10	29/10 Finance Mtg Gov Council Mtg Rm 6/7 Zoo Excursion	30/10	31/10 <i>Newsletter</i>	1/11 STUDENT FREE DAY
4	4/11 Children's Uni Graduation	5/11	6/11	7/11	8/11
5 <i>Book Fair</i>	11/11 2025 Rec Students Parent Mtg - 1:30pm	12/11	13/11	14/11 <i>Newsletter</i>	15/11 Purple for Sanfilippo
6	18/11	19/11 BCCC Transition until 11am	20/11	21/11 2025 Rec Students Parent Mtg - 1:30pm	22/11
7	25/11 1 month till Christmas!	26/11	27/11 BCCC Transition until 1:30pm	28/11 <i>Newsletter</i>	29/11
8	2/12	3/12 BCCC Transition all day Yr 6 Excursion	4/12	5/12 ——Yr 6 Transition to BHS——	6/12
9	9/12 End of Year Concert	10/12	11/12 2025 Class Visits & Reports go home	13/12 <i>Newsletter</i>	14/12 Last day of Term 4 2:10pm Early Dismissal

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



BALAKLAVA CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
Sunday 15th December 2024



BALAKLAVA CHRISTMAS CAROLS
Sunday 22nd December 2024