

BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

We are aware that we are meeting and learning on the land where Kaurna people have lived for thousands of years. We respect that their connections to this land and their cultural beliefs are still as important today as they will be in the future. We promise to look after all the living creatures and plant life whose survival depends on the water, air and environment of Kaurna Country.

OUR SCHOOL LEADERS, SCARLETT, PENELOPE, CAMERON & SIDNEY ATTENDED THE DAWN SERVICE AT BALAKLAVA ON ANZAC DAY.



IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

1st SAPSASA: Winter Carnival - Blyth

2nd PCC Mtg - 1:30pm

7th- Mother's Day Stall
9th

9th Walk to School Day

13th School Photos

13th Finance Mtg 6pm
Governing Council Mtg
7pm

27th National
Reconciliation Week

28th Bus Mtg

JUNE

6th Performance: Circus
Challenge

Community Assembly

Week 2, 6 & 8.
No Assembly in Week 4.
2:20pm
OSU Well

ALL WELCOME



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME BACK!

It was wonderful to welcome all our students back to school on Tuesday. Both staff and students have settled well back into the school routine. We also extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families.

Inactivation of Room 8

During the holiday break, a review of the enrolment numbers in our Disability Unit was undertaken. As there were low numbers of students enrolled, a decision was made by the Department for Education (DfE) to inactivate the Unit from the beginning of Term 2.

We are supporting staff, students and families through this change. Please refer to the school community letter on page 10.

Anzac Day

We would like to thank Cherie and Jo for supporting Scarlett, Penelope, Cameron, and Sidney at the Balaklava ANZAC Day service. Our School Leaders proudly represented the Balaklava Primary School community at the Dawn Service. We thank Scarlett, Penelope, Cameron, and Sidney for their leadership and for the important roles they played at the service.



Facilities Update

During the holiday break, under the excellent management of Diane Gregor, a large number of maintenance and improvement projects were completed around the school. We are very grateful to Diane for her fantastic coordination and dedication to being here during the break so trades people could access the site.

Please see page 11 for photos of the work that has been done.

When visiting the front office, please note that you will need to press the green button and wait for the door to open.



Although it may be tempting, please do not pull the door handle as the door is electronically controlled for security and pulling the handle will damage the automation.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to improve our school facilities.

School Uniform

We have been enjoying some glorious weather, but as the weeks progress, mornings and afternoons are becoming a little chilly. Many students are now looking for their jumpers.

We would like to remind all students and families of our uniform guidelines:

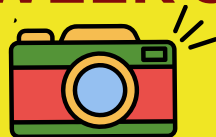
- Hoodies are not to be worn under school clothing.
- Long sleeve tops worn under school polos must be black.
- Pants should be school grey or black, without large logos or stripes.

We also appreciate donations of school uniforms that no longer fit your child. These items are sold through our pre-loved uniform shop, which is an ongoing fundraiser for Balaklava Primary School. Pre-loved uniforms are available for purchase from the front office.

School Photos

These will be held on:

TUESDAY 13TH MAY, WEEK 3



We truly value the chance to capture these special moments of our children through school photos. However, please keep in mind that these are standard school photos, not personalized professional photo sessions. With that in mind, we kindly ask that students come to school without large hair bows, colored hair, or accessories that aren't typically part of their regular school attire. **Photo envelopes were sent home on Tuesday 29th April, this week.**



Welcome to BPS

We warmly welcome back Jazz Gilbertson, who started teaching at Balaklava Primary School during the last part of Term 1. Jazz was teaching PE and Room 2 on Wednesdays. With Jess F now on maternity leave, Jazz has taken on the full-time teaching role in Room 2. Parents can contact Jazz directly through Room 2's SeeSaw.

We also welcome Andrew Jettner, who will be teaching PE two days a week during Term 2. We look forward to resuming dedicated PE lessons as part of our Specialist Teaching program, providing students with focused opportunities to develop their physical skills and enjoy a variety of sporting activities.

Additionally, Tegan Mahar has joined us and will be working one day per week to provide our teaching staff with valuable Non-Instructional Time.

We are excited to have these new staff members supporting our students and look forward to a great term ahead!

Term Overview

Over the next week, you will receive a copy of your child's classroom Term Overview via SeeSaw. This letter contains important information, including home learning expectations (if any), the best ways to contact your child's teacher(s), and a copy of the classroom timetable.

Please keep in mind that the classroom timetable is always subject to change depending on what else is happening at school on any given day. However, it provides a helpful guide to when your child will (likely) be attending specialist lessons.

You will also find a copy of the specialist timetable included in this newsletter. Please note that, due to circumstances beyond our control, this timetable may also change from time to time.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's wellbeing or academic progress, please contact your child's teacher directly.

Don't hesitate or wait for them to contact you first-your questions and discussions are always welcome.

School Events

Our staff have recently reviewed the number of extra-curricular activities we offer, or could offer at Balaklava Primary School. We found that if we participated in every event on the calendar, there would be something extra happening every week. While these activities are valuable and enjoyable, they do reduce the time students spend in the classroom learning directly from their teachers.

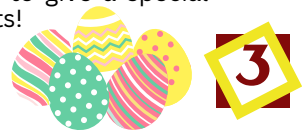
To make sure our students benefit fully from their classroom learning, we need to carefully balance which extra-curricular activities we take part in. This means we sometimes acknowledge certain events without holding a specific activity at school. For example, with Walk to School Day, we strongly encourage all students who are able to walk to school or to the school bus. However, we will not be hosting a staff-led event or activity for this day.

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss this further, please contact Michelle P or myself. Thank you for your understanding as we work to provide the best balance for our students' learning and experiences.

LOOK WHO HOPPED BY!



Easter Bunny hopped on by on the last day of Term 1 to give a special treat to the students!



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

UNDER \$5



CARDS - \$1



BLING PEN - \$2



POCKET HUG - \$2



GIFT BAG - \$2
(ASS. DESIGNS)



MUMS MINTS - \$3



POM POM KEY CHAIN - \$4
(ASS. COLOURS)



SATIN EYE MASK - \$4

BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

\$5 & OVER



STEMLESS WINE GLASS - \$5



MUM NECKLACE - \$5



GOLD NAMESAKE NECKLACE - \$6



COFFEE MUGS - \$6



BEACH BAG - \$8
(ASS. DESIGNS)

MOTHER'S DAY STALL ✨

PAYMENTS

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE BY:

- Cash
- Eftpos - on day or via phone
- Vouchers - which can be purchased via QKR

PHONE ORDERING

Mothers Day gifts can be purchased over the phone and paid for by eft or credit card. please phone the office from:

1:30pm - 3:00pm Wednesday 7th May

8:30am - 3:00pm Thursday 8th May

8:30am - 11:00am Friday 9th May

We can keep purchased gifts at school for collection or can arrange a school bus delivery for those families whose children would normally catch a bus.

Please note:

Early phone orders will not be accepted. Stock is limited and will not be held without payment being made.

QKR ORDERING

QKR is only available for voucher purpose and not specific item ordering. Please note goods cannot be set aside with QKR.

VOLUNTEERS

If you are available to help out on one of the stall days, please get in contact with the Balaklava Primary School Volunteers Facebook page.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

order your school photos now

to order visit: www.advancedlife.com.au

enter code: E7H MHZ A5P



scan to order

or collect a cash order envelope
from your school office



**SCHOOL PHOTOS
TUESDAY 13TH
MAY, WEEK 3!**

*Envelopes were sent
home on Tuesday
29th April.*

advancedlife
school photography & print specialists



FRIDAY 9TH MAY

WEEK 2



**WALK SAFELY TO
SCHOOL DAY**



National walk safely to school day is an annual event in Australia.

It is an event that encourages primary school children to walk or commute safely to school, promoting health, road safety, and environmental benefits.

There is no organised BPS Event this year, however, we still encourage you all to walk and make your own way to school.



BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Can you help out on our Mother's Day Stall on Friday 9th May?

If so, please get in contact with the Balaklava Primary School Volunteers Page.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered already.

SCHOOL JACKETS



These jackets are now part of our school uniform.

Orders can be placed through QKR or there will be jackets available to try on in the Font Office. Sizes range from Kids Size 6 to Adults XL. Staff can assist with sizing or feel free to come in yourself, to size your child.

Jackets are \$60.



believe

participate

succeed

PCC Meeting
Friday 2nd May

All welcome, we'd love to see you there. Come along & hear what's going on at BPS for term 2.

1:30pm - BPS staff room



Balaklava Primary School



Po Box 108, 51 Wallace St, Balaklava SA 5461

Phone: (08) 8962 1660 Email: dl.0477.info@schools.sa.edu.au

29th April 2025

Dear Balaklava Primary School Community,

I am writing to let you know that the Disability Unit currently operating at Balaklava Primary School will be inactivated, effective from Term 2, 28 April 2025.

This decision has been made following a careful review of student enrolments at the school.

From Term 2, students will continue their learning at Balaklava Primary School in a mainstream setting, with additional support provided through RAAP (Resourcing Allocation Adjustment Panel) funding.

We deeply value the contribution the Disability Unit has made to the Balaklava school community, and we recognise the important role it has played in supporting learning and wellbeing. While the unit is being inactivated due to low enrolment numbers, this is not a permanent closure. If future demand emerges that meets the criteria for re-establishment, the need for reactivation will be re-assessed.

If you have any questions about this, please contact me via email:

dianna.jarman740@schools.sa.edu.au.

Regards

Dianna Jarman

FACILITIES UPDATE



Specialist Timetable

Term 2

	Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday		Friday
	Science	Australian	PE	Science	Australian	PE	Science	PE	Australian	Performing Arts	Science	Performing Arts
Lesson 1 8:55am - 9:45am	Room 2	-	-	Ber 4	Ber 4	Ber 4	-	-	Ber 4	Room 2	-	Room 20
Lesson 2 9:45am - 10:35am	Room 2	Room 1	Room 2	Ber 4	-	Ber 4	-	-	-	Room 1	-	Ber 4
Lesson 3 11:00am - 11:50am	Room 1	Ber 3	Room 1	Ber 2	Ber 2	Room 18	Room 18	Ber 2	Ber 2	Ber 1	Room 18	Room 18
Lesson 4 11:50am - 12:40pm	-	Ber 1	Ber 3	Ber 2	Ber 2	Room 20	Room 18	Room 20	Ber 2	Ber 2	Room 18	Ber 3
Lesson 5 1:20pm - 2:10pm	Room 7	Room 7	Ber 1	Room 6	Room 6	Room 6	Room 7	Room 6	Room 6	Room 7	Room 20	-
Lesson 6 2:10pm - 3:00pm	Room 7	Room 18	Room 20	Room 6	Room 2	Room 6	Room 6	Room 2	Room 6	Room 6	Room 20	-

BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mother's Day Stall

WEEK 2

WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY - FRIDAY 9TH MAY

(DEPENDING ON STOCK AT END OF DAY THURSDAY WILL DEPEND IF WE RUN THE STALL ON FRIDAY)



TRANSITION DAYS

for Mid-Year Intakes - Pre-school to Primary School

- Wednesday 4th June (*until 11am*) - Week 6
- Wednesday 11th June (*until 1:20pm*) - Week 7
- Wednesday 18th June (*full day*) - Week 8

More information will be supplied closer to the dates of transition.



Term 2 Crossing Monitor Roster

(starting Tuesday 29/4/25)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM 8:25 – 8:45am	Jack N Dylan G Teacher: Michelle Pudney	Zac S Charlise E Teacher: Michelle Pudney	Rhys W Alfie S Teacher: Dianna Jarman	Patrick P Aubree M Teacher: Dianna Jarman	Kendall M Alivia B Teacher: Dianna Jarman
PM 3:05 – 3:20pm	Tamika L Harper McD Teacher: Dianna Jarman	Eva McC Harper J Teacher: Dianna Jarman	Coby G Millah R Teacher: Michelle Pudney	Penelope L Amity H Teacher: Michelle Pudney	Lans H Tim B Teacher: Michelle Pudney

*If you are unable to do your crossing duty please swap with someone else.
Please let the teacher on duty know if you have swapped.



SPENCER GULF COACHES

WE ARE HIRING!

Join the family-owned Kent Group's team of Bus Drivers on one of our rural school runs, based out of Balaklava.

This position includes driving the morning and afternoon school runs daily from Monday to Friday during school terms.

You will need an MR or HR licence for this role, but even if you haven't driven a passenger bus before, we encourage you to apply as we can offer support and guidance for you to obtain your Large Passenger Accreditation, Working with Children Check and National Police Clearance, which you will need for this role.

Call Michele on 8632 2666 to learn more, or send your resume to accounts@spencergulfcoaches.com.au

We look forward to hearing from you!



Community News



Reminder... 

STARTS THIS THURSDAY

 AUSKICK	 NET SET GO
Starts: Thursday 1 st May (Runs every Thursday for Term 2 10 weeks) 4:30pm - 5:30pm	Starts: Thursday 1 st May (Runs every Thursday for Term 2 10 weeks) 3:45pm - 4:30pm

 Balaklava Oval | Balaklava Courts

 **Scouts SA**

**Balaklava Scout Group
Community Meeting**

On
Monday 19th May 2025
From 7pm - 8pm
At the Scotland Yard Scout Hall
23 Scotland Street, Balaklava

All members of the Community are invited and
Encouraged to come along to discuss the future of the
Balaklava Scout Group.

**If there is NO INTEREST in keeping
Scouting going in Balaklava
THEN THE GROUP WILL BE CLOSED
AND THE PROPERTY SOLD!**

To register your interest please contact the Group Leader,
Barb Gray at 10614@sa.scouts.com.au or phone 0409 460 329
OR
The District Commissioner, Wendy Lane at
dc.karkana@sa.scouts.com.au


National Volunteer Week
19-25 MAY 2025
Connecting Communities Week

Thank you

National Volunteer Week
Sponsor
AON

Volunteering AUSTRALIA

FUN FACT 

 *Flamingos aren't born pink.*


facebook

Balaklava Primary School
&
Balaklava Primary School Volunteers

 Give us a follow

15

TERM 2 PLANNER

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	28/4 STUDENT FREE DAY WITH BHS	29/4 Term 1 Begins	30/4	1/5 SAPSASA: Winter Carnival - Blyth Newsletter	2/5
2	5/5	6/5	7/5	8/5	9/5 Walk to School Day Assembly 2:20pm
Mother's Day Stall					
3	12/5 	13/5 SCHOOL PHOTOS Finance Mtg 6pm Gov Council 7pm	14/5	15/5 Newsletter	16/5
4	19/5	20/5	21/5	22/5	23/5
5	26/5 National Sorry Day	27/5 National Reconciliation Week	28/5 Bus Mtg - 5:30pm	29/5 Newsletter	30/5
6	2/6	3/6	4/6	5/6	6/6 Performance: Circus Challenge Assembly 2:20pm
7	9/6 PUBLIC HOLIDAY King's Birthday	10/6	11/6	12/6 Newsletter	13/6 RE
8	16/6	17/6 Finance Mtg 6pm Gov Council 7pm	18/6	19/6	20/6 9am Road Crossing Training Assembly 2:20pm
9	23/6 (BHS SFD)	24/6	25/6	26/6 Newsletter	27/6
10	30/6	1/7 JP Olden Day Dress Up	2/7 Staff/Volunteer Morning Tea	3/7	4/7 Casual Day Last Day of Term 2 Early Dismissal - 2:10pm

	Assemblies		Student Free Days
	Meetings		Excursions/Camps
	SAPSASA		Cultural Dates