

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 HAVE LOVED PARTICIPATING IN THE RECONCILIATION WEEK ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK!



IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

3rd BCCC Parent Mtg
 1:30pm

4th BCCC Transition until
 11am

6th Performance: Circus
 Challenge

9th **Public Holiday**
King's Birthday

11th BCCC Transition until
 1:30pm

12th BCCC Parent Mtg
 1:30pm

13th RE

17th Finance Mtg 6pm
 Gov Council Mtg 7pm

18th BCCC Transition all
 day

Community Assembly

Week 6 & 8

2:20pm

OSU Well

ALL WELCOME





From the
Principal
Dianna Jarman

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. If you do find yourself at BPS slightly before 8:25am, please wait outside the grounds or underneath the gazebo near the admin building. Thankyou for understanding.

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 illness 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.



NO DOGS ALLOWED ON SITE 

Please be reminded that there are to be no dogs allowed on the school grounds during school hours, unless prior arrangements

2 have been made with a class teacher for a dog to be brought in for show & tell. - **Thank you**



Reconciliation Week

Niina Marni! (Hello in Kurna)

What a week celebrating Reconciliation week! So far there has been Boomerang art, face painting with traditional colours and use of natural elements for painting.

A massive thankyou to Michelle, Sal, Sue-Ann and Sammi, for organising all of our Reconciliation Week activities.

The students have loved participating in these activities. Photos of our lunch time activities can be on pages 6 - 11.



Bus Committee Vision – Parent Representatives Needed!

At Balaklava Primary, our Bus Committee is committed to ensuring every student has safe, reliable, and efficient transport to and from school.

To help us achieve this, we're looking for a parent representative for each bus route. Parent reps play a vital role in sharing any concerns or positive feedback about road conditions and bus services, helping us keep our buses running safely and efficiently.

If you're interested in becoming a parent rep, please call Michelle Pudney or email the school with your bus route details.

Join Our Grounds and Facilities Committee – Parent Representatives Wanted!

The Grounds and Facilities Committee at Balaklava Primary School is dedicated to creating and maintaining a welcoming and inclusive environment for every student and staff member. Our vision is to ensure that all buildings and outdoor areas are safe, well-maintained, and thoughtfully designed to support the best possible learning and working experiences for our school community.

Did you know that being part of the Grounds and Facilities Committee goes beyond helping out at our annual working bee? This year, we're excited to focus on whole-school upgrades, making meaningful improvements across our school.

If you're interested in becoming a parent representative and sharing your ideas or feedback, please contact Michelle Pudney or email the school.

HOUR OF POWER

We Need YOUR MUSCLE!

Parents & Grandparents—Can You Help?

Join us for a fun and rewarding hour as we move softfall (bark chips) into our playground impact areas.

When: Monday, 2nd June

Time: 2:00 – 3:00pm

What to Bring: Wheelbarrow, shovel, and your helping hands!

Please note: If you're bringing little ones, our school buses begin arriving at 3pm..



Let's make our playground safer—together!



believe participate shine

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BALAKLAVA SCHOOLS' CANTEEN
VOLUNTEER ROSTER - TERM 2, 2025



| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----|--|---------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| | 28/4 | 29/4 | 30/4 | 1/5 | 2/5 |
| 1 | Student Free Day – Both Schools | | | Jane Brook | |
| | 5/5 | 6/5 | 7/5 | 8/5 | 9/5 |
| 2 | | | Jane Brook | Lisa Watson | |
| | 12/5 | 13/5 | 14/5 | 15/5 | 16/5 |
| 3 | | | | | |
| | 19/5 | 20/5 | 21/5 | 22/5 | 23/5 |
| 4 | | | | | |
| | | | 28/5 | 29/5 | 30/5 |
| | | | | Lauren March | |
| | 2/6 | 3/6 | 4/6 | 5/6 | 6/6 |
| 6 | | | Sascha Tiller | | |
| | 9/6 | 10/6 | 11/6 | 12/6 | 13/6 |
| 7 | Public Holiday | | | Tammy Nicholls | |
| | 16/6 | 17/6 | 18/6 | 19/6 | 20/6 |
| 8 | Alisha Senior | | | | Jeremy Lomman |
| | 23/6 | 24/6 | 25/6 | 26/6 | 27/6 |
| 9 | Student Free Day – Balaklava High | | | | |
| | 30/6 | 1/7 | 2/7 | 3/7 | 4/7 |
| 10 | | | | | |

CAN YOU HELP - WE HAVE PLENTY OF BLANK SPACES THAT NEED FILLING TO HELP OUT THE SCHOOL CANTEEN!

Shifts are 9.30am to 12.30pm, ½ days are 9.30am to 11.30am and is indicated on the roster. Please see Katie 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 call Katie on 0448 801 281. Alternatively, please email canteen.BHS940@schools.sa.edu.au. Thank you for your generosity, and we look forward to working with you soon.



provide us with a copy of your updated RRHAN-EC, if you haven't done so – thank you.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME *The Truck Cat*

We celebrated National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday 21st May. Our School joined thousands across Australia to read 'The Truck Cat' by Debrorah Frenkel and Danny Snell - the official NSS 2025 book.

A huge thank you to Mrs Cleary and Mrs Jarman, who brought the story to life by reading and acting out the adventures of Tinka the truck cat and his human, Yacoub. Their performance had everyone laughing, listening, and learning about belonging and friendship. It was wonderful to see our students engaged and inspired by this heart warming story about finding home, no matter where the road takes you.



FIRST NATIONS RECONCILIATION WEEK

We have had a very busy week with it being Reconciliation Week! We have had lots of lunchtime activities going on through the week!

Boomerang Art!

This week, we came together to honour the rich cultures, histories, and stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

To celebrate, we're sharing beautiful boomerang art - a symbol of connection, culture and resilience. A boomerang reminds us that what we send out into the world comes back - so let's send kindness, understanding and hope.

Ochre Paints!

Students joined Sal, Miss Silverman, Sammi, Sue-Ann, Laura, Lee-anne and Mrs Pudney to learn about Ochre Paints, a traditional and deeply significant part of Aboriginal Culture. Ochre is a natural pigment sourced from the earth and has been used for thousands of years in art, ceremony and storytelling.

We explored three traditional ochre colours: Red, Yellow and White. Each colour has its own meaning - Red: often represents the land and life, Yellow: is connected to the sun and energy, and White: symbolises purity and ancestral spirits. The students gained a deeper appreciation for the cultural importance of these colours.



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SCIENCE CLUB VERSION

This week in science club for Reconciliation Week, we learnt about using natural resources for colour, learning about different symbols, and drawing them.

A big thank you to Justice who helped students learn about rock painting and sharing her knowledge about the colours and dot representation.

Another thank you for our additional support from Prue, Anastasia, Laura and Mr Jettner!





BASKETBALL CARNIVAL SCHOOL NOMINATIONS

| | BASKETBALL |
|------------|---|
| Date(s) | Wednesday 6/8/25 (Backup Friday 8/8/25) |
| Time | 9:00 to 2:30 pm |
| Location | Balaklava Town Courts |
| Cost | \$8 SAPSASA Mid-North student levy |
| Age Groups | Year 5/6 girls Year 5/6 boys |
| Contact | Marty Brice bricey@rbe.net.au 0427455958 |

This carnival will be the first of a knock out round with the top two winning teams then progressing to a Regional Knockout at Copper Coast Sport & Leisure Centre, Kadina on Friday 22nd August, Week 5, Term 3.

The winning teams from the regional finals will then participate in the SAPSASA Basketball Finals Day in Adelaide, played at the State Basketball Centre / Wayville Basketball Stadium on Friday 17 October in Week 1, Term 4.

- A draw will be made to allow for maximum participation depending on teams nominated.
- Small schools can contact each other and arrange combining students to form teams.
- Schools are asked to bring **at least one umpire per team**. Also, a whistle and Size 5 basketball. Senior students are ideal umpires.
- **A Canteen will be open all day – Lunch orders to be sent out**
- Match Conditions: Games to be two 8-minute halves and 20-minute time slots so teams need to be ready to go on immediately previous games has finished. Simple changeover at half time. Time outs in the spirit of the game. Times will be dependent on number of entries.
- Children are invited to create their own teams of at least 6 players, a coach and umpire. Please submit teams to Mrs M by June 6. (If you do not have a team and are interested, please see Mrs M.)

ALL nominations to be sent to:

Mrs Michalanney BY FRIDAY 6th June
Phone Balaklava Primary: 88621660



Mid North
SAPSASA DISTRICT

Convenor:
Caroline Charnstrom
Clare Primary School
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To: Principal/SAPSASA Rep

Please pass on to students in year 5 & 6

All year 5 & 6 students who would like to try out for the Mid North boys Soccer & Mid North girls soccer teams will need to attend the trials at Clare Primary School on:

Thursday 26th June 4:00pm-5:30pm (Term 2, Week 9)
Wednesday 2nd July 4:00pm-5:30pm(Term 2, Week 10)

All Year 5/6 students wishing to try out for the Year 5/6 District team will need to attend trials on these dates. Please note priority for spots in the team will go to Year 6's. The District teams will play in Adelaide at the Soccer State Carnival on the following dates.

Carnival Dates

Week 4 Term 3 Monday 11th of August to Wednesday 13th August.

District teams are selected based on the following criteria:

- Ability and game sense in the sport
- Teamwork
- Effort
- Willingness to listen and learn from feedback
- Positive attitude (including at school)

Eligibility: District teams are open to students in year 5 and 6 who wish to be considered for selection in a SAPSASA district team.

Transport: Parents/Caregivers are responsible for organising transport to and from the trials.

Requirements: To the trials, students must wear appropriate footwear. Students are to bring sufficient water and medication/strapping (if required).

How to nominate

- Parents/Caregivers must nominate their child online by **no later than Wednesday 25th June,**



11am.

- Students who have not nominated online before the trials will not be eligible to attend trials. This is to ensure supervision ratios are maintained for a safe environment.
- If you require support in completing the form please contact your school SAPSASA rep.
- To nominate, please complete the online form, which can be accessed via the QR code here or link provided
- Once you have submitted the form you will receive a confirmation email. A copy of the form will also be sent to the school as confirmation that you are nominating your child for football (Soccer). This will be retained by the school as a record of their involvement as per department records management policy and procedure.
- Please note the school has the right to not approve a child's involvement in the carnival based on behaviour, attendance and other grounds as determined by the school.
- If you do not receive a confirmation email within 24 hours of completing the form, contact the convenor.



Use your phones camera to access the link

Further information

All students trying out need to know that if they are selected in the District team, they will need to find their own accommodation in Adelaide (and get to and from the grounds every day at ServiceFM Stadium in Gepps Cross) either by staying with a relative/friend, staying at a Caravan Park or travelling up every day (or car-pooling) This unfortunately will preclude some students from trying out if they are not able to make arrangements for the week.

Apologies / Questions to

Boys Coach

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Girls Coach

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ENGINE ROOM



The Engine Room has recently been relocated to a larger and more versatile space in Room 8 (formerly the Disability Unit).


The Engine Room provides a supportive environment for students who are feeling dysregulated and need a short break from the classroom. Students take their class allocated lanyard, sign in and set a 10-minute timer. During this time, they may choose to speak with a staff member (usually Cherie) or engage in one of the many calming activities available to help regulate their emotions.

At the end of their time, students have a brief conversation with a staff member and complete an “exit slip.” This reflection helps them consider their next steps and allows staff to communicate any needs to the classroom teacher, supporting re-entry into learning.

We are continuing to develop several dedicated areas within the Engine Room, including:

- An Occupational Therapy (OT) space
- An intervention support area
- A small outdoor garden
- A kitchen for group cooking activities

We invite parents to visit the new Engine Room—either before or after school, or by appointment. If you have any specific questions about your child and the Engine Room, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Engine Room - Exit form
Student name _____
Time of departure _____
When I return to the learning space _____
Signature _____




NEWS FROM

SRC

(Student Representative Council)



House Team Netball Competition:

Students have organised a House Team netball competition for our senior students. The House Captains are learning the skills associated with; fairness in team selection, organising student umpires and scorers, encouraging all students to be involved and being good winners and losers. We have seen some students try umpiring for the first time and it is good to see them giving it a go and the players being respectful. Teams do not get points for winning, they earn points by displaying team spirit, organization and giving everyone a go.



SRC News:

In term 1, the four school leaders participated in the statewide student forum. The students were given the task of researching Learning Mode and Performance Mode. As part of the research, the leaders spoke at SRC and Sidney, Alfie and Cameron thought it would be a good idea to write a letter to both the Adelaide Crows and Port Adelaide Football Clubs and ask them if some of the players could visit Balaklava Primary and talk to us about what each zone would look like from a football perspective. The letters were posted last week and the students have their fingers crossed hoping for a reply. The forum meets again next week.

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21/5/2025



Dear Adelaide Crows Football Club,

Hi, our names are Cameron, Sid and Alfie. We are on the Student Representative Council at Balaklava Primary School. We organise the events for our school. We are also part of the statewide student forum. We are writing this letter to you because our job is to work with the students at our school to investigate the difference between Learning Mode and Performance Mode.

Learning Mode is when you are learning from your mistakes and knowing that mistakes are okay. You will try new things. You will take risks and take feedback. Performance Mode would be when you're in a game. It is when you stick with what you know and don't try new things. And you try not to make mistakes.

Balaklava Primary School would love it, if you could come to our school. You could answer some questions like: How do you learn to work as a team together, How do you know what to work on, how do you get back up after a loss? You could talk to us about when you are in Learning Mode: like when you are training and when you are in Performance Mode: like when you are playing a game.

We hope that some of your players will be able to visit our school.

Thanks

Cameron, Sid and Alfie

On behalf of the SRC at Balaklava Primary School.

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Dear Port Adelaide Football Club,

Hi, our names are Cameron, Sid and Alfie. We are on the Student Representative Council at Balaklava Primary School. We organise the events for our school. We are also part of the statewide student forum. We are writing this letter to you because our job is to work with the students at our school to investigate the difference between Learning Mode and Performance Mode.

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We hope that some of your players will be able to visit our school.

Thanks

Cameron, Sid and Alfie

On behalf of the SRC at Balaklava Primary School.

You may have noticed we have been talking in a slightly different language this week

Can you answer the phone and greet people in Kaurna?

Say: **Niina Marni** - *Hello are you good (to one person)*

Respond: **Marni ai** - *I'm Good*

Niwa Marni - *Hello are you good (to two people)*

Naa Marni - *Hello are you good (to a group of people)*

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN ROOM 7

On Monday we visited the Balaklava Museum. We looked at a range of different items from the past such as washing machines, sporting equipment, toys, a classroom and more.

We have also been discussing the different types of people that make up a family. We used paper chain people to represent our families.



LUNCH ORDER MONITORS BRAVE THE WILD WEATHER ON MONDAY!



Students, Gabe and Emma from Ber 1 braved the weather in their rain ponchos to collect the classroom lunch orders!



CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Week Colouring-In Competition Winners!

As part of Canteen Week and in celebration of the amazing staff and volunteers who keep our school running smoothly, we held a fun colouring-in competition for our primary school students. A big thank you to all the talented artists who entered!

Congratulations to our winners, who each scored an ice cream of their choice for their fantastic efforts Holly, Amahli, Rhys, Chloe, Rose, Ella, Angus, Winter & Amber (not pictured).

Thankyou to everyone who took part - your colourful creations helped brighten our week and show appreciation for the everyday heroes in our school community!



-Balaklava High School Canteen

Community News



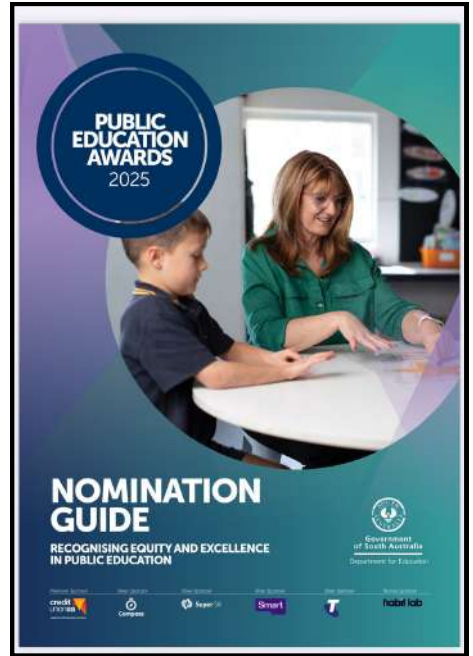
About the awards

The Public Education Awards were established in 2011, to recognise the vital role our people play in helping children and young people to learn and thrive. The awards offer a chance for everyone to celebrate our achievements, be proud of our work and where we are heading together.

All employees are encouraged to help recognise great practice and success in public education at your site so we can celebrate, learn and grow together. Nominate an outstanding team, colleague or yourself for an award. This year you can also nominate community members, individuals or teams, who have made a significant contribution to the site community for the Community Impact Award.

Winners and finalists receive prizes to undertake professional learning, community activities or invest in resources.


To access more information please visit: <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/working-us/teacher-initiatives/public-education-awards>



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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 BCCC to BPS | 21/5 | 22/5 | 23/5 |
| 5 | 26/5 National Sorry Day | 27/5 National Reconciliation Wk BPS to BCCC | 28/5 Bus Mtg - 5:30pm | 29/5 BPS to BCCC Newsletter | 30/5 |
| 6 | 2/6 | 3/6 BCCC Parent Mtg 1:30pm | 4/6 BCCC Transition till 11am | 5/6 | 6/6 Performance: Circus Challenge Assembly 2:20pm |
| 7 | 9/6 PUBLIC HOLIDAY King's Birthday | 10/6 | 11/6 BCCC Transition till 1:30pm | 12/6 BCCC Parent Mtg 1:30pm Newsletter | 13/6 RE |
| 8 | 16/6 | 17/6 Finance Mtg 6pm Gov Council 7pm | 18/6 BCCC Transition all day | 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 |

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