

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.

BOOK WEEK 2025



IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

3rd- Father's Day Stall
 5th

5th SAPSASA: Athletics -
 Saddleworth

9th Finance Mtg, Gov
 Council & Grounds
 Mtg | 6pm

16th SACA Cricket: Rec - Yr
 4

17th Festival of Music

19th RE

24th Staff/Volunteer
 Morning Tea

26th Last Day of Term 3
**Early Dismissal -
 2:10pm**

Community Assembly

Term 3:

Week 8 (Friday 12th Sep)
 2:20pm

OSU Well

ALL WELCOME





From the
Principal
Dianna Jarman



Congratulations

We are delighted to share some wonderful news from our staff community! Alicia and Bradey Krieg, and Emily and Tate Michael, have both announced that they are expecting.

We wish Alicia and Emily all the very best for their pregnancies and the exciting journey ahead. Both Alicia and Emily will be taking some leave during 2026.

Assembly Awards

In our last newsletter, we asked for feedback about how we share Assembly award photos. As we didn't receive any responses, we'll be trying a new approach from next week. Rather than taking a group photo at the end of Assembly, we will use each student's official School Photo to highlight their achievement in the following newsletter.

To give families a chance to take a photo of their child, ***The Well will be open from 3:10pm – 3:20pm on Community Assembly days.*** You are welcome to take an individual photo of your child holding their award in front of the BPS backdrop.

We will review this trial at the end of the 2025 school year.



With the Balaklava Show coming up please be reminded that we will be needing volunteers to help out on the canteen. Please check and keep up-to-date with the roster through the ***Balaklava Primary School Volunteers***

facebook page.

This is one of our Major fundraising events for the year.

Parent / Community Feedback

Thank you to the families who were able to complete the Department Parent Survey. We look forward to receiving your feedback in due course.

BPS Parent / Community Feedback



At BPS, we are always looking for ways to get better at getting better, and one of the most valuable ways we do this is by hearing your thoughts, questions, and feedback—both positive and constructive.

We warmly invite you to share your feedback anytime through the QR code below. All feedback will be carefully considered as we continue to improve.

Thank you for helping us understand your perspectives and for supporting us, to support our school community.

MEETING

Joint Fundraising, Facilities & Governing Council Meeting

Next Tuesday (**9th September**), we will be holding a joint meeting of the Fundraising, Facilities, and Governing Council committees. At this meeting, we will review the feedback received regarding facilities upgrades at BPS and work on both a short- and long-term grounds, facilities, and maintenance plan.

If you would like to share your thoughts, wonderings or feedback, please speak with a member of the Grounds, Finance, or Governing Council committees.

Members of each committee are as follows:

- Paul Harvie - *Chair, Finance*
- Jeremy Lommon - *Secretary*
- Jo Michalanney - *Staff Rep*
- Amy May - *PCC Rep*
- Kim Dejong - *Gov Council Member*
- Alisha Senior - *Gov Council Member*
- Lauren March - *Community Member*
- Dianna Jarman - *Principal, all committees*
- Diane Gregor - *Finance, Grounds/Fac.*
- Leigh Wright - *Grounds/Facilities*
- Sam Wright - *Deputy, Grounds/Facilities*
- Nikki Greenshields - *Grounds/Facilities*
- Duncan Crawford - *Finance*

Exciting changes are coming to the way we communicate with you! *EMS – A New Way to Connect*

As we shared previously, during Week 1 of next term, our school will be transitioning to the Department's new Education Management System (EMS). This system, once fully implemented, is designed to streamline communication, provide families with easier access to student information, and improve overall efficiency.

We have already been using one aspect of EMS – EdSmart, which enables BPS to send electronic consent forms and messages. Once fully transitioned, EMS will expand the ways we communicate important information with you. Schools already using EMS are pleased with the functions, and we are confident our community will experience the same benefits.

Goodbye Audiri – What This Means for Families

With EMS enabling us to message families directly, we will be discontinuing the use of the Audiri app. This means that from the end of this week, BPS will no longer notify families, BPS, or bus users of bus issues through Audiri. Instead, a new process will be used, which is outlined below. BPS may still use Audiri to communicate with BPS families over the next three weeks; however, at the end of this term, we will discontinue using it. We will notify families via an Edsmart broadcast of the official end date for Audiri communication.

Absences and Occasional Bus Travel – New QR Codes

From this end date, Audiri will also no longer be used for absence notifications or occasional bus travel requests. Instead, we have created QR codes for both processes.


These can be found:

- On our school website: <https://balakr7.sa.edu.au/> under Parent Info
- In this newsletter

These forms can be used from now if you wish.

Keeping You Updated

As we continue to learn more about how EMS will best support our school, we will share updates with families. Thank you for your patience and support as we work through this transition period.



Parent Information – School Buses

Notifications – Bus Delay or Breakdown

- BPS will no longer notify families via Audiri.
- Instead, BPS will notify each education site (Balaklava High School, Balaklava Community Children's Centre, Horizon Christian School, Owen Primary School).
- Each site will then notify their families using their own communication processes.

Balaklava Primary School families

BPS bus families will receive updates directly via EdSmart SMS.

Be on Time

Students should be at their bus stop 10 minutes before the scheduled pick-up time.

What to Do if the Bus Does Not Arrive on Time

1. Wait a short period
If the bus has not arrived within 10 minutes after the scheduled pick-up time, and you have not received a notification from your child's education site, please move to step 2.
2. Contact Balaklava Primary School Call Dianne Jarman (Principal, Balaklava Primary School) on 0419 823 235 to report the delay.
3. Next steps
Dianne will contact the bus company and provide updates to each site. Each site will then inform families through their own communication system.

*Be Safe, Be Kind, Be your Best
Every learner engaged, smiling and thriving.*

Occasional (one off) traveller bus request



Absence Notification Form



Keeping Our Community Healthy

It is essential that families keep children home if they are unwell. We understand this can be challenging, especially for working families, but it is important that students do not attend school when sick to help prevent the spread of illness.

We require notification of any student absence / illness. However, if your child tests positive for Influenza or COVID-19, you must notify BPS of this specifically, as we are required to notify our school community. There is no specific form for absence due to Influenza, and with the upcoming discontinuation of Audiri, we will also not be creating a separate COVID notification form. Instead, please use the general absence form. If further details are required, the school will contact you directly.



By everyone doing the right thing, we can significantly reduce the spread of illness throughout our school community.

BPS families - do you have an outstanding debt? - EDSAS to EMS

As already mentioned in early October we will move from the financial/administration data base EDSAS to the new "live" EMS system and we have been directed to follow up with all outstanding debts.

Over the year and specifically last week, families with an outstanding debt to Balaklava Primary received a copy of their statement by email, text message and via Australia Post. Thank you to those who have responded.

To those who have made no response be advised that non payment of the annual Materials and Services charge is legally debt collectable. As previously mentioned, families with outstanding debts will be listed for discussion at next weeks Governing Council meeting where the recommendation for debt collection proceedings to commence will be made. Once debts move from BPS to the Department for Education Debt Collection agency families will no

longer be able to deal with us as a site regarding this debt.

We strongly urge all relevant families to make payment.

Parking around Balaklava Primary School

Continuous yellow lines have recently been repainted along *Virgo Terrace*, and you will also notice yellow lines along various sections of Wallace Street.



Parking *is not permitted* in any area marked with a continuous yellow line. These restrictions are in place to ensure the safety of pedestrians and to maintain smooth traffic flow around our school.

Please respect these regulations at all times to help keep our school environment safe for everyone. We have been advised that caution notices and fines will be issued to those who do not comply.

Parking along Wallace Street

Please refrain from parking along the stretch of Wallace Street between the bus road and crossing (school side) at School drop off and pick up.



Book Week 2025



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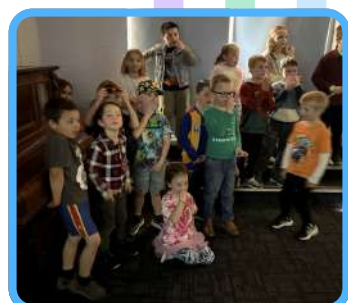
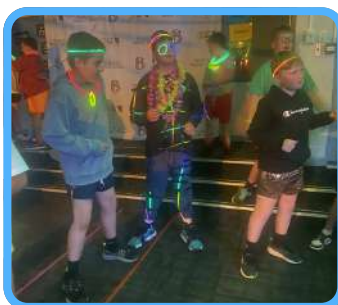
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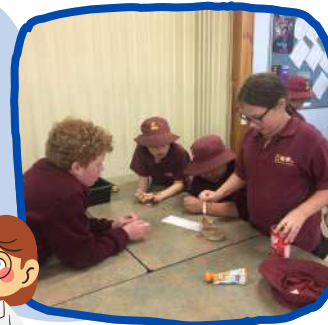
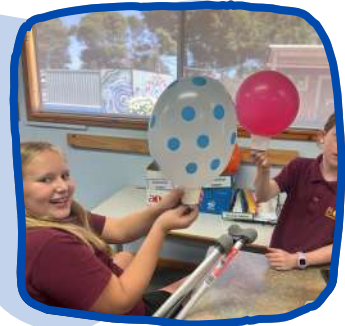


NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

In Science and Science Club, we celebrated National Science Week with a variety of activities. During the Tuesday Science Club we provided STEM activities for the students to experience as well as experiments chosen by our student 'lead scientists'.

On Thursday, we held a Science Quiz for Kids in the Science Room.

Science Club is held every Tuesday, here are some photos of different activities that we have done this term. - **Prue**



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am looking at introducing a new lunchtime activity for our students next term: the Nature Craft Club. This initiative aims to foster creativity and a love for nature among our students by engaging them in hands-on crafting activities using natural materials.

About the Nature Craft Club:

The Nature Craft Club will provide students with the opportunity to explore their artistic talents while learning about the beauty and diversity of natural materials. Each session will focus on creating unique crafts using items sourced from nature, encouraging students to appreciate and connect with the environment around them.

Materials Needed:

To make this club a success, we are seeking donations of the following materials:

- Wooden or cane baskets
- Dried flowers or petals
- Coloured wool
- Woven placemats
- Pine cones
- Hessian
- Large seed pods
- Smooth small river rocks
- Natural coloured sheets or pillowcases
- Wooden bowls or containers
- Brown paper or cardboard rolls

How You Can Help:

If you have any of these items at home and are willing to donate, please send them to school with your child or drop them off at the Auslan room.

We look forward to seeing the wonderful creations that will emerge from the Nature Craft Club.

Warm regards,

Sue-Ann de Vries
Balaklava Primary School



BOOKWEEK PERFORMANCE



Yesterday, Wednesday 3rd September we had Meerkat Productions come and perform 2 adaptations for Book Week - ***The Garden of Broken Things and Small Acts.***

The students thoroughly enjoyed both performances.



BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Father's Day **STALL**

Sunday 7th September

The annual BPS Father's Day stall will be held over the following days in Week 7:

Wednesday 3rd September

Thursday 4th September

Friday 5th September

Stalls will be set up in the OSU (Open space unit) and children can purchase gifts from there.

The stall will be open at lunch time only over the above three days.

BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Father's Day

STALL

Gifts under \$5



Gift Card
\$1.00



Small Gift Bag
\$1.50



Dad Pen
\$2.00 each



Car Air Freshener
\$2.50



Mints
\$2.50



Large Gift Bag
\$2.50

BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Father's Day

STALL

Gifts under \$5



Chocolate Eclairs
\$2.50



Rubber Key Ring
\$3.00



Dad Key Ring
\$3.00



Car Pen
\$3.50



Car Wash Mitt
\$4.00



5m Tape Measure
\$4.00

BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Father's Day *STALL*

Gifts under & over \$5



4 in 1 Tape Measure
\$4.50



Sunglasses
\$5.00



1 left

Can Cooler
\$5.00



Sports Socks
\$5.00



Sports Water Bottle
\$5.00



Business Socks
\$5.00

BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Father's Day

STALL

Gifts over \$5



Beanie
\$5.00



Dad Mug
\$5.50 each



Funky Bucket Hats
\$6.00



SOLD OUT

Premium Travel Mug
\$6.00



Cooler Bag
\$6.00



Glass Mug
\$6.00

BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Father's Day

STALL

Payments

Payments can be made by:

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

Phone Ordering

Father's 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 3rd September

8:30am - 3:00pm | Thursday 4th September

8:30am - 11:00am | Friday 5th September

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.

Okr Ordering

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

Volunteers

If you are able to help out on one of the stall days, please get in contact with the Balaklava Primary School Volunteers Facebook page. The roster can be found on there as well.

2025 INTERVIEWS

INTERVIEWS WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE FOR 1 WEEK THIS TERM

MONDAY 15TH SEP - THURSDAY 18TH SEP (WEEK 9)

BOOKINGS OPEN:

AT 4PM THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER (WEEK 7) **TODAY**

BOOKINGS CLOSE:

24HRS PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW TIMESLOT AS THIS ALLOWS TIME FOR STAFF TO PREPARE THE WORK AND REPORTS THEY NEED FOR YOUR INTERVIEW.

BOOKING LINK

Use this booking link in electronic media, like your website, school app or an emailed newsletter:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/ng9sk>

Event code: **ng9sk**

Please note these interviews are optional and not required. Interviews are available for classroom teachers and specialist teachers. (Separate bookings will be required).





Balaklava Show

WE NEED YOU AT THE BALAKLAVA SHOW!

The Balaklava Show is Saturday 27 September, and Balaklava Primary School is proud to run the Show Canteen and Show Luncheon from the Sports Club kitchen and clubrooms.

These are major fundraisers for our school, and they simply cannot happen without volunteers.

WHY VOLUNTEER?

- Shifts are short (just 2.5 hours) so you'll still have time to enjoy the Show.
- It's a great way to catch up with other families and be part of the community.
 - Every hour volunteered helps raise vital funds for our school.

👉 Please head to the BPS Volunteer page and pop your name down for your preferred shift.

We also welcome cash donations (to purchase supplies) and food donations if you're unable to give your time.

Let's pull together and make this year's Show a success for BPS!
Follow Balaklava Primary School Volunteers on Facebook to stay up to date!



**WE HAVE MADE THE
'JUNIOR SHOW ENTRY GUIDE' AGAIN
THIS YEAR!**

**THIS BOOKLET IS AVAILABLE BY
FACEBOOK AND AUDIRI.**



**SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND MORE
INFORMATION AND ENTRY FORM**

IT'S SHOWTIME



Show Bags will be available for purchase throughout week 8 via the order slip below or through the QKR! App

To celebrate, the Balaklava Schools' Canteen will be offering a special Show Bag Treat exclusively for **BPS students!**

**4X CHICKEN NUGGETS,
1X JUICE BOX,
1X COOKIE +
A SPECIAL LITTLE SHOW BAG**
GLUTEN FREE OPTION AVAILABLE

\$5.00

STUDENTS NAME

TEACHER / CLASSROOM

OF SHOW BAGS **[AT] \$5 EACH** **GLUTEN FREE**

MON 8/9 TUE 9/9 WED 10/9 THUR 11/9 FRI 12/9

PLEASE CIRCLE WHICH DAY/S YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR ORDER

TOTAL MONEY ENCLOSED \$

***PLEASE RETURN ORDER FORMS AND PAYMENT TO THE CANTEEN OR ORDER VIA QKR!**

Community News



Support our pools by becoming a lifeguard

Wakefield Regional Council are seeking expressions of interest (EOI) from motivated and enthusiastic individuals who are interested in applying for Lifeguard positions for the 2025/26 pool season.

This EOI allows you to register your details for upcoming recruitment rounds. Submitting an EOI does not guarantee a role will be available; however, it ensures we have your information on file when the recruitment process begins for all positions located across Balaklava, Owen and Hamley Bridge swimming pools.

These roles are ideal for individuals who are passionate about aquatic safety, enjoy working in a team environment, and are committed to delivering exceptional service to our community.

Minimum Requirements:

- Pool Lifeguard Qualification (ALL applicants must be 16 years and over)
- Senior First Aid Certificate
- Working with Children Check

For a confidential phone discussion, please contact People & Culture Officer, Talia Andrews on (08) 8862 0800.



BALAKLAVA & DALKEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY INC
PRESENTS THE 145TH ANNUAL

Balaklava Show

27th September 2025

Gates open to public at 9am

TO BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY TOM VENNING MP
Adults \$12 | Pensioners \$7 | Children 17/U \$5 | Children U/5 Free

Upcycle Challenge | General Agriculture | Ute & Truck Competition
Animal Nursery | Stalls & Pavilions | Face Painting | Show Bags | Side Show Alley
Show Person Competition | Horses In Action | Free Entertainment
THE BAND OF THE SA POLICE - TRADITIONAL JAZZ BAND
NO PARKING AND DOGS ON SHOW GROUNDS



Taylor & Fergie
Farm & Stock Solutions



Nutrien
Ag Solutions



Balco Australia

Find us on Facebook @balaklavashowsociety or via our website www.balaklavashow.com.au

BALAKLAVA BASKETBALL CLUB

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT PLAYING BASKETBALL THIS SEASON?
SHARPSHOOTER OR TOTAL ROOKIE
BALAKLAVA BASKETBALL CLUB IS THE PLACE FOR YOU!

2025/26 SEASON

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

PLAYERS, COACHES & TEAM MANAGERS

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST BY EMAILING
YOUR NAME, DATE OF BIRTH AND NUMBER TO
BALAKLAVABCC@GMAIL.COM



BULLDOGS BASKETBALL CLUB

INTERESTED IN PLAYING?

VENUE:
RALLI PARK

TRAINING: TUESDAY NIGHTS 5.30 | PLAY: FRIDAY NIGHTS
9 SEPTEMBER:

COME AND TRY/ REGISTER YOUR INTEREST /SKILL SESSION

Junior Players 2018 + WANTED
Senior players WANTED
Coaches WANTED

TRAINING COMMENCES 16 SEPTEMBER
FIRST GAME 17 OCTOBER

EMAIL YOUR NAME, CONTACT NUMBER AND DOB TO
BULLDOGSBASKETBALLCLUB@OUTLOOK.COM BY 9 SEPTEMBER


FUN FACT:

Horses and cows usually sleep standing up.



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TERM 3 PLANNER

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	21/7 Term 3 Begins	22/7	23/7	24/7 <i>Newsletter</i>	25/7 STUDENT FREE DAY BHS - SFD
2	28/7	29/7	30/7	31/7	1/8 Balaklava Eisteddfod (Fri & Sat) Assembly 2:20pm
3	4/8	5/8 Finance Mtg 6pm Gov Council 7pm	6/8 SAPSASA: Basketball - BVA	7/8 <i>Newsletter</i>	8/8
4	11/8	12/8	13/8	14/8	15/8 Assembly 2:20pm
Year 4/5 Camp					
5	18/8	19/8 Performance: Didjerebone cancelled	20/8 Magic Millions Bus Mtg 5:30pm	21/8 <i>Newsletter</i>	22/8 Book week Dress Up Parade Lisa' Lattes on site
6	25/8	26/8	27/8 Grounds/Facilities Mtg 5:30pm	28/8	29/8 SAPSASA: Athletics - Saddleworth Assembly 2:20pm
7	1/9 SCHOOL CLOSURE BHS - SFD	2/9 SRC Disco 	3/9 Book week Performance	4/9 <i>Newsletter</i>	5/9 SAPSASA: Athletics - Saddleworth
Father's Day Stall					
8	8/9	9/9 Finance Mtg, Gov Council & Grounds 6pm	10/9	11/9	12/9 Assembly 2:20pm
9	15/9	16/9 SACA Cricket: Rec - Yr 4	17/9 Festival of Music	18/9 <i>Newsletter</i>	19/9 RE
10	22/9	23/9	24/9 Staff/Volunteer Morning Tea Lisa' Lattes on site	25/9	26/9 Last Day of Term 3 Early Dismissal - 2:10pm



	Assemblies		Student Free Days
	Meetings		Excursions/Camps
	SAPSASA		Cultural Dates



Saturday 27th September