

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.

ROOM 6 & 7 HAD A WONDERFUL DAY AT THE ZOO ON THURSDAY 23RD OCT.



IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

5th Canteen Comm. Mtg

11th BCCC Parent Info Meeting | 1:30pm

12th Children's Uni Graduation - Ade

Taekwondo

14th Student Free Day

17th Paul Rutter Draw's

18th Paul Rutter Draw's

19th BCCC Transition until 11am

21st RE

Week 6 Assembly
 2:15pm for 2:20pm start

Community Assembly
 Term 4

Week 6 & 8
 2:15pm for 2:20pm start

OSU Well

ALL WELCOME



From the Principal Dianna Jarman

2026

2026 Planning Classes

It's that time of the school year when staff begin looking ahead to 2026. It is extremely important that we know your intentions for next year to ensure class numbers are 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).

If your children will not be attending Balaklava Primary School in 2026, please let us know via email, text, or a phone call. Your support helps make this planning process more efficient.

Placements

The class placement process will begin as soon as our structures are in place. This process takes several weeks, and staff work carefully to ensure thoughtful placements, considering:

- The learning needs of each child
- A balanced mix of boys and girls
- Learning abilities
- Friendship needs

Teachers give strong consideration to friendship needs. However, if certain friendships negatively impact learning, students may be placed in separate classes. School is an opportunity to form new connections, and a new class provides a great chance to make new friends.

Some children have special learning or health needs. If you believe this applies to your child, we will do our very best to take this into account—but please note that due to various complexities, we may not always be able to accommodate all requests.

While we welcome parental input, please understand that requests while considered are not guaranteed. We also ask that you do not request specific teachers, as staffing for 2026 has not yet been confirmed.



All requests must be submitted via this Microsoft Forms link by Friday, 31st October.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=6fS7c4gGRkmuqb0LtA7PB0wim6wpD2dEuDkUwn_HgrFUQ0ZCVEhSMjJUQ1BEMEJKMuxPQlc2N0JETC4u&origin=QRCode

Term Overviews and Class Timetables

In Week 2, each teacher shared a comprehensive Term Overview with families via Seesaw.

To avoid duplication (especially for families with more than one child), the Specialist Overviews – covering Science, Auslan, PE, and The Arts – have been attached to this EdSmart Newsletter rather than sent individually through Seesaw.

As always, if you have any questions about what your child is learning or how they are progressing, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher – you don't need to wait for them to reach out first.

In response to parent feedback, we have also included a class timetable for each class. These timetables outline what a typical day might look like. Please note that various factors can influence a school day, so the timetables should be viewed as a guide to what generally happens when everything goes to plan.

Balaklava Christmas Pageant

As we near the end of October, Christmas is just around the corner!

The Balaklava Christmas Pageant will be held at Ralli Park on **Friday, 19**

December.

BPS usually takes part with a school float. The theme for this year's float is still being decided, and we'll share more details once plans are confirmed.



Buses & Bushfire Brochure

At the time of printing this current Newsletter the buses and bushfires brochures are still currently being updated.

As soon we have each brochure up to date they will be shared as soon as possible.



Student Reports

This term, with the change from Academy to EMS, we will be writing student reports in EMS. We are trialling a new format that aligns with DfE.

Classroom teachers will write comments for English, Mathematics, and a General Teacher Comment. English, Maths and all other subjects, will receive both an academic grade and an effort grade.

Unfortunately, there is a limitation within the new reporting system – we are unable to include a student photo on the front cover of the report. We understand this was a valued feature of our previous format; however, this option is not available in EMS and is beyond our control.

Reports will not be printed this term. Instead, families will (all going well) receive them via email on Wednesday, 10 December.

We will seek feedback on the new reporting format at the end of 2025 / beginning of 2026, in preparation for the first semester reports to be distributed at the end of Term 2, 2026.

Welcome, Caroline!

We are very pleased to welcome Caroline Charnstrom to our team as Acting Deputy Principal for the remainder of the 2025 school year.

If you haven't already, please take a moment to introduce yourself to Caroline next time you're at school. She has hit the ground running and has already settled in wonderfully.



I am delighted to be joining Balaklava Primary School as Acting Deputy Principal for Term 4. I am bringing with me experience from my past nine years at Clare Primary School, where I enjoyed a variety of roles supporting students across classroom teaching, specialist areas, and leadership. My professional passions centre on Literacy, Wellbeing, and Inclusive Education.

Prior to my time at CPS, I worked across a range of sites throughout the Mid North, Port Pirie, and Northern Adelaide, gaining insights into the unique strengths of each school community. In addition to my school-based roles, I coordinate sporting opportunities for young people as the SAPSASA convenor for the Mid North District. I am committed to fostering positive relationships and supporting every child to reach their full potential in a welcoming, inclusive environment.

This term promises to be an exciting one, with end-of-year activities such as excursions, transition events and the school concert. I look forward to meeting students, families and staff, and sharing in the energy and celebrations that make this time of year so special. - Mrs Caroline Charnstrom

Governing Council News

RE: 2026 Materials & Service Charge

At Tuesday nights Governing Council meeting it was approved that for 2026 the Materials & Service charge per student would be \$310/student. Combined with the continued SA Government M&S rebate the total cost to caregivers for the M&S will be **\$110 / student**. For School card eligible families there will be \$0 cost. More information to come.

Bus driver first aid and bus first kits, facilities, canteen volunteer shortage, success of the Balaklava Show catering, EDSAS to EMS migration were just some of the many things discussed at the meeting.

Audiri

Thank you to all of our families who are now using the new Absence Notification form.

As we are **no longer using the Audiri app**, it's a good time to delete it from your device.

We currently have active QR codes and links available for:

- Absence Notification
- Occasional Bus Travel
- Parent / Community Feedback

Please see below for all of these QR codes and links conveniently located on one page.

We've also created a new form for families interested in enrolling at BPS which will soon be featured on our Website.

Absence Notification Form



https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=6fS7c4gGRkmuqb0LtA7PB0wim6wpD2dEuDkUwn_HgrFUQORXSERKNEY5N0gzT1QxODQzWTdYS1hFQS4u&origin=QRCode

Occasional (one off) traveller bus request



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BPS Parent / Community Feedback



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SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

Monday 10th Nov - Thursday 13th Nov
Week 5

Opening Times:

8:15am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 3:45pm.

Location: Auslan Room

Purchases can be made before and after school.

Payments can be made by cash or eftpos. Qkr and EFT payments will require notification of receipt. Orders can be made via the Front Office.



You're invited to our
SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

OCEAN ADVENTURE \$10
 On Luke's class expedition a magic book and found themselves under the sea!

TWO CRANKY BEARS \$10
 Can two cranky bears learn to share?

WOMBAT \$6
 A funny look into the life of a wombat.

THE PUPPY PARADE \$6
 A new series of about 60 and 60's puppy book.

MINI SUPERSTARS \$10
 Can Miss Girl and Karate Kid save the town from evil forces?

DARE TO BE SCARED! \$10
 Puss and Taz go Ghost Pumpkin hunting!

FAIR FETCHED \$10
 Luke gets an emotional support dog for school.

EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL.

SCHOLASTIC REWARGE

DISCOVER THE BOOKS

Room 1, Room 18 & 20 visit *Parliament House*

'Balaklava Primary School rocking Parliament House this week in big numbers!

I've been tasked to help them secure a bigger skate park, more basketball and netball courts, get Sushi for the Main Street, an Indoor cinema and improve roads!

I love their passion and aspiration for their town. Thank you Teachers, SSOs and parents who made this excursion possible.'

Penny Pratt MP



Noise Level for Year 12 Exams

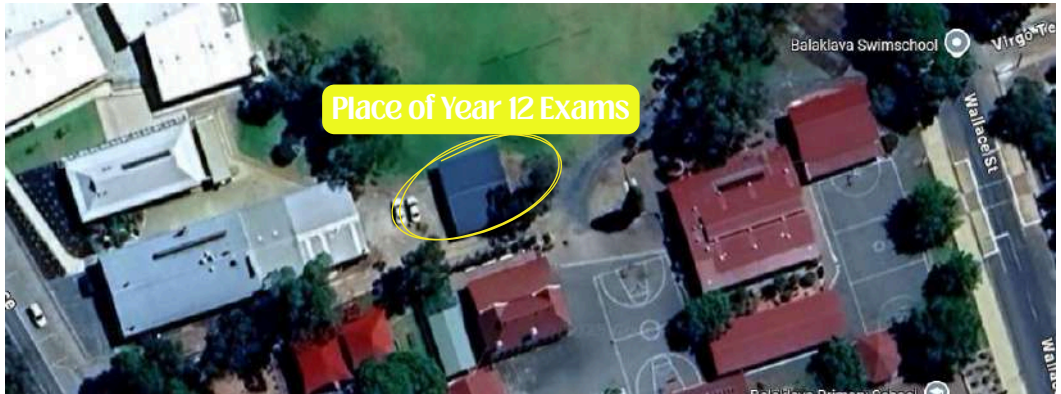
BHS Final Exams in Progress

Please be aware that Balaklava High School students will be undertaking their final exams in the building just outside Rooms 6 & 7.

Some of these exams will continue beyond the end of the school day, so we kindly ask everyone to keep noise to a minimum in this area.

We would appreciate all pick ups during this time to be on the other side of the school on Wallace Street.

Your consideration and support are greatly appreciated by the Year 12 students and teachers from BHS as they complete this important milestone!



Stage TWO EXAMS - Week 4 & 5, 2025

DATE	AM / PM	SUBJECT
Monday 3 rd Nov	8:40am - 11:30am	Math Methods
Tuesday 4 th Nov	8:40am - 11:30am	Essential Maths
Tuesday 4 th Nov	1:10pm - 4:00pm	Psychology (E-Exam)
Thursday 6 th Nov	8:40am - 11:30am	Physics
Friday 7 th Nov	8:40am - 11:30am	Biology (E-Exam)
Friday 7 th Nov	1:10pm - 4:00pm	Mod History (E-Exam)
Tuesday 11 th Nov	8:40am - 11:10am	English Literary Studies (E-Exam)
Thursday 13 th Nov	8:40am - 11:10am	Legal Studies (E-Exam)
Thursday 13 th Nov	1:10pm - 3:40pm	Tourism (E-Exam)





Dianna Jarman
Principal



Caroline Charnstrom
Deputy Principal



Cherie Cleary
Student Wellbeing



Jo Michalanney
Coordinator of
Learning & Year 5/6



Marcia Nowlan
Rec / Year 1



Emily Michael
Rec / Year 1

World Teachers Day

Friday 31st October 2025



Jenny Rowland
Year 4/5 & 5/6



Bec Houston
Year 4/5



Jazz Gilbertson
Year 3/4



Wendy Richards
Year 1/2



Emily Thomas
Year 1/2



Sam Otta
Year 2/3



Courtney Durkay
Year 1/2



Kerri Blackwell
Year 5/6

**Thankyou
so much!**



Sue-Ann de Vries
Auslan & The Arts



Sarah Kenny
Year 5/6

**You are very
much
appreciated!**



Andrew Jettner
Physical Education



Teagan Mahar



Abby Silverman



Prue Mosman
Science



Mandy Tiller
Autism Inclusion



END OF YEAR CONCERT

Costume Themes

End of Year Concert – Class Theme Announcement

As we begin planning for our End of Year Concert, it's time to start thinking about themes for each class!

For those who are new to our community, each class will perform or dance to a song at the concert. Every class is given a theme to inspire their costumes and performance.

We're sharing the class themes now so that everyone can start brainstorming, planning, and getting creative early. This gives families plenty of time to get organised and prepare for the big night!

Concert Date: Monday, 8th December (Week 9)

More details about the concert schedule and logistics will be shared once everything is finalised.

We can't wait to see the wonderful ideas and energy each class brings to the stage!

Room 6 - Olden Day Clothes

Room 7 - 70s theme or Bright Colours

Room 1 - 1950's, Wear: anything that represents the Rockabilly, Jive era of Dance

Room 2 - 2010's theme

Ber 1 - Casual Clothes that reflect the 80s era. If not possible, then casual clothes will be fine.

Ber 2 - Mid 2000s era band, All time low. The aim will be to keep it reasonably easy and low key.

Ber 3 - 90's theme

Ber 4 - Haven't quite worked out a theme, once selected the theme will be announced.

Room 18 - Black & White with a touch of Gold

Room 20 - Haven't quite worked out a theme, once selected the theme will be announced.

Room 6 & 7 head to the ZOO!



Rooms 6 and 7 had a wonderful day at the zoo last Thursday.

Travelling by bus was a new experience for many children and seeing planes and tall buildings, going over bridges and under tunnels was good fun. The grey clouds stayed for the morning but then cleared and we had sunshine for the last few hours.

We are so lucky to have had so many parents with us and having small groups meant we could spend more time looking at the animals.

Thankyou to Airlie, Tamara, Kim, Kate, Julie, Crystal, Hayley, Tiana, Brittany, Samantha, Gary, Byron, Sascha, Sally, Shelley and Miss Silverman. - **Emily Michael and Marcia Nowlan**



Cricket Visit

We are fortunate at Balaklava Primary School to have a range of state and national sporting bodies providing extra curricular learning activities for our students on a regular basis. In week 1 students in years 5 and 6 were given the opportunity to participate in a range of coaching activities under the watchful eye of BBL and WBBL stars Alex Ross, Jake Winter and Lauren Epsary. This followed up on similar opportunities for the Rec to Year 4 students earlier in the year.

The weather gods were a little cranky and so activities were shifted to the front courts to offer a little protection from the gusty westerly winds! Students rotated through activities in small groups – displaying their batting, bowling and fielding skills.

From the students.....

I enjoyed the cricket a lot because we were in specific teams and we got to play together and hit the ball. The coaches were really nice. ***Eva***

Cricket taught us how to throw a ball accurately, how to hit a ball correctly, it was lots of fun. ***Sid***

It was lots of fun because we were good at cricket and the last activity was the best - the tower. You had to throw a ball at a tower made from the stumps and you tried to knock it over. ***Dylan***

We had to use the bat to hit the ball that was sitting on the top of a cone. ***Kobe***
-Andrew Jettner



Ber 3: Tree Drawings

In ber 3 we drew a tree on paper using a paint brush and brown paint. The students then went outside to find different natural materials to use to make the leaves and blossom on our spring trees.

Students used; flowers, leaves, sticks, their fingers and rocks. - *Courtney Durkay*





SAPSASA: Basketball

at Adelaide



On 17th of October 2025 we went to Wayville Basketball Stadium in Adelaide to play 5 games of basketball.

1st game: the first game was at 10:05 against Kimba and we won.

2nd game: at 11:20 we played St James and we won.

3rd game: at 12:10 we versed Millicent North and we lost.

First final: we played Lameroo Regional Community School and we won.

Second final: we played Kimba again and we won.

It was a good day playing basketball with some challenging games, some great skills from our team and others. Thank you to our parents for taking us and Alexa and Claudia for coaching. - **Coby & Harper**



On Friday the 17th of October the under 13 boys went to SAPSASA basketball in Adelaide. We won two games and lost three. At SAPSASA we had to play against hard teams, but we tried our best and we were lucky to place 5th. We were really lucky to even play in Adelaide.

Before our first game we decided to make a trap in the first game but the trap didn't work that well. We learnt different skills playing up in Adelaide especially working better in a team. Thanks to Bodie for coaching us and to our parents for taking us and cheering us on. Our team consisted of: Rhys, Sid, Patrick, Alfred, Cooper, Zac, Jameson and Bradley. - **By Alfie and Rhys**

WEEK 2 ASSEMBLY AWARDS



Room 6
Curtis & Darcy



Room 7
Alex, Riley & Georgia



Room 1
Bain, Lucy, Georgia & Jasmine



Room 2
Holly, Dominic & Jed

WEEK 2 ASSEMBLY AWARDS



Ber 1
Ava, Pjay & Eli



Ber 2
Kyla, Addison & Lilo



Ber 3
Winter, Sam, Kate & Aaliyah



Ber 4
Maddison, Olivia & Wyatt

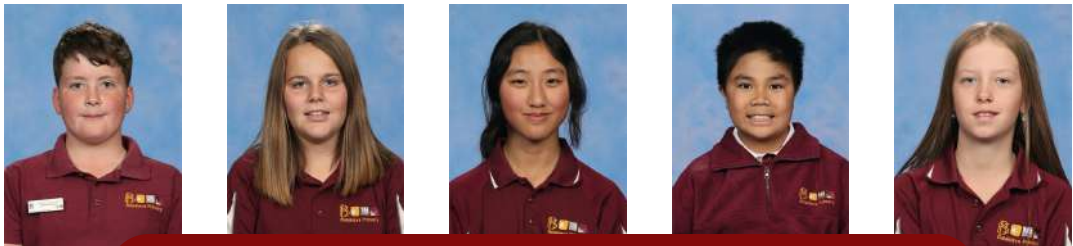
WEEK 2 ASSEMBLY AWARDS



Ber 4
Danny, Jessica & Zoe



Room 18
Charlotte, Adam & Coby



Room 20
Patrick, Georgia, Rhea, Tim & Amber

WEEK 2 LEXILE AWARDS

BLUE



Derek, Chester, Khaleesi & Jessica

WEEK 2 LEXILE AWARDS

RED



Olivia, Lucy, Jyran & Mason

BRONZE



Kathleen, Nate, Kendall & Kaleah

SILVER



Tim & Emily

GOLD



Holly, Jinri & Penelope

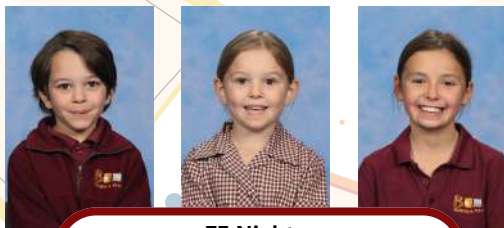
NIGHTS OF READING AWARDS



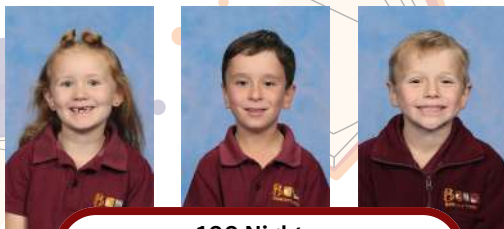
25 Nights
Deakon & Ella



50 Nights
Reuben



75 Nights
Jack, Claire & Addison

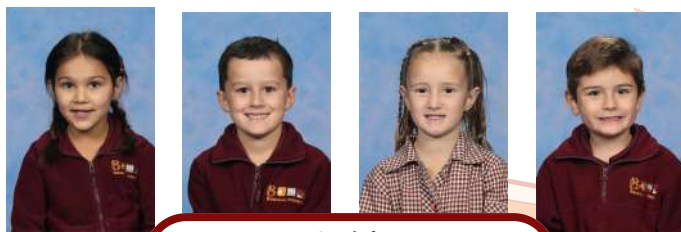


100 Nights
Chelkiah, Angus & Henry

NIGHTS OF READING AWARDS



125 Nights
Mack, Kate & Haylee



150 Nights
Zara, Charlie, Saskia & Jasper



175 Nights
Georgia



200 Nights
Patrick & Ethan

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

2025

DECEMBER	8	MONDAY
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ON THE SCHOOL OVAL

To give you time in the holidays - 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 during school hours.

\$1 PER TICKET

WIN A WONDERFUL SURPRISE JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS!

Booklets of tickets should have been sent home last term 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 then **Friday 5th Dec, Week 8.**



YOU'RE INVITED TO

BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 6 Graduation

THE CLASS OF 2025

DECEMBER

THURSDAY

11

2025

6:15PM FOR A 6:30PM START
AT THE OSU WELL, BALAKLAVA
PRIMARY SCHOOL.

RSVP: DEC 1ST TO BPS 0428 026 285,
ATTENTION JO MICHALANNEY.



Community News




Anniversary of the Uluru Handback

This week we acknowledge the anniversary of the handback of Uluru to the Anangu Traditional Owners in 1985 – a landmark moment in recognising the enduring connection of Aboriginal people to Country.

Students will be exploring the significance of this event through classroom discussions and resources that highlight the importance of reconciliation, respect, and cultural understanding.

You can learn more about the Uluru Handback through Parks Australia's story of the handback or ABC Education's reflection on this historic moment

Wallaroo Kite Festival

 **Date:** Sunday, 2 November 2025

 **Time:** 11:00am - 3:00pm

 **Location:** North Beach, Wallaroo

 **Free – All Ages Welcome!**

Let your imagination take flight at the Wallaroo Kite Festival – a vibrant, family-friendly celebration of creativity, connection, and coastal fun!

Join us on the stunning shores of North Beach for a day filled with colour, laughter, and sky-high wonder. Whether you're a seasoned kite flyer or just looking for a joyful day out, there's something for everyone:

 **Dazzling Kite Displays by the Adelaide Kite Flying Association**

 **Kids' Kite Decorating Station – design your own flying masterpiece**

 **Kites for Sale – take home the magic**

 **Delicious Food Offerings – from sweet treats to savoury bites**

Bring your family, bring your friends, bring your sense of wonder, and let's fill the sky with colour and the beach with joy.

See you there!



FUN FACT: ★

Approximately one quarter of the bones in your body are in your feet





TERM 4 PLANNER

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	13/10 STUDENT FREE DAY	14/10 Term 4 Begins	15/10	16/10 EMS goes live! Yr 3 Sleepover <i>Newsletter</i>	17/10 SAPSASA: Basketball - Adelaide
2	20/10	21/10	22/10	23/10 Rm 6 & 7: Zoo Excursion	24/10 Assembly 2:20pm
3	27/10 Yr 4-6: Parliament House Excursion	28/10 Finance Mtg 6pm Gov Council 7pm	29/10	30/10 <i>Newsletter</i>	31/10
4	3/11	4/11	5/11 Canteen Committee	6/11	7/11
5	10/11	11/11 1:30pm BCCC Parent mtg	12/11 Children's Uni Graduation - Ade Taekwondo	13/11 <i>Newsletter</i>	14/11 STUDENT FREE DAY BHS - SFD No buses will run
Book Fair					
6	17/11 Performance: Paul Rutter draw's	18/11 Performance: Paul Rutter draw's	19/11 BCCC Transition until 11am Bus Mtg Taekwondo	20/11	21/11 RE Assembly 2:20pm
7	24/11	25/11 Finance Mtg 6pm Gov Council 7pm	26/11 BCCC Transition until 1:30pm Taekwondo	27/11 <i>Newsletter</i>	28/11 Performance: JAM Band
8	1/12	2/12	3/12 BCCC Transition all day	4/12 Yr 6 Transition Excursions: Ber 1, Ber 3, Ber 4, Ber 2 & Rm 2	5/12 Yr 6 Transition Assembly 2:20pm
9	8/12 End of Year Concert Lisa's Lattes on site	9/12 Year 6 Excursion Year 4/5 Excursion	10/12 Staff/Volunteer Morning Tea Lisa's Lattes on site 2026 Class Visits Reports sent home	11/12 <i>Newsletter</i> Yr 6 Graduation	12/12 CASUAL DAY Last Day of Term 4. <i>Early Dismissal of 2:10pm.</i> 

	Assemblies		Student Free Days
	Meetings		Excursions/Camps
	SAPSASA		Cultural Dates



Balaklava Christmas Pageant - Friday 19th December

Balaklava Carols by Candlelight - Sunday 21st December