

# 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.

## CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY STUDENTS HAD THEIR GRADUATION ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOV.



## IMPORTANT DATES

### NOVEMBER

14<sup>th</sup> Student Free Day

17<sup>th</sup> Performance: Paul Rutter Draw's

18<sup>th</sup> Performance: Paul Rutter Draw's

19<sup>th</sup> BCCC Transition until 11am

21<sup>st</sup> RE | Religious Education

Week 6 Community Assembly

25<sup>th</sup> Combined Finance & Governing Council Meeting | 6pm

26<sup>th</sup> BCCC Transition until 1:30pm

### Community Assembly

Term 4

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

OSU Well

ALL WELCOME



From the  
*Principal*  
Dianna Jarman



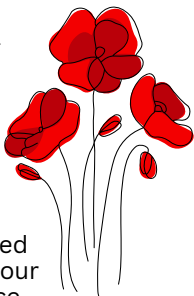
### Remembrance Day

This year, there was no formal service held at the Balaklava Triangle. Instead, Room 18, Room 20, and our four School Leaders walked down to the Triangle, where they were joined by the Balaklava High School Leaders.

Our School Leaders spoke about the importance of Remembrance Day and the symbols that represent this special occasion. Students observed a minute of silence to reflect and honour those who have served, after which the leaders laid a wreath on behalf of Balaklava Primary School.

It was wonderful to have community members join us and listen to our leaders' presentations.

Thank you to everyone involved in organising and supporting our BPS Remembrance Day service.



Find pictures and more information about the service on pages 5 - 6.

**Children's University Graduation**  
Congratulations to the 2025 Children's University graduating students!



It was so wonderful to see the students in their cap and gowns on Graduation Night. We look forward to seeing how many extra learning hours you can complete next year! Find photos and information on how many hours each student completed on pages 10 - 15.



## STUDENT FREE DAY **TOMORROW** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Student Free Day - TOMORROW (Friday 14th)**

There is a Student Free Day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov (**TOMORROW**).

Please note there is **NO SCHOOL BUSES** running as Balaklava High School also have a Student Free Day.

Buses and School will return to normal on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov.



## END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

We hope you can join us for the End of Year Celebration on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December, Week 9**. The event is a wonderful way to celebrate a year of learning. The raffle hampers are drawn at this event. We ask all students to donate one non-perishable item each to their class hamper. Raffle books were sent home with students last term. Once tickets have been sold, please return the books and money to the front office. Additional books can be collected from the office. Any un-sold tickets please return to the front office so we can sell the tickets on the night. This is our final fundraiser for the school year. Funds raised are helping our fundraising target decided by the SRC.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope to see you all there.

More details about the night will be sent out closer to the event.

## Illness

It is the time of year that colds, flu and bugs such as gastro do the rounds. It is hard to avoid when the weather is warm one minute then cold the next. It is extremely important that we do minimise the spread of any of these illness. The best way to stop the spread is to ensure that your child does not attend school when unwell. Students must stay home for **24 hours** after their last symptom, however, to ensure your child is completely recovered, we do strongly encourage you to keep your child home for **48 hours** after their last symptom. It takes everyone doing the right thing to ensure we can limit the impact for all students and staff.



Don't Miss This Notice!

# STUDENT FREE DAY

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, Week 5



# TOMORROW



Please note  
**NO SCHOOL BUSES**  
will be running as BHS have a  
SFD on the same day.

## SAVE THE DATE

# END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

## MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DEC, WEEK 9

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## 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.



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# Remembrance Day



Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025

*Balaklava Primary School Leaders speech:*

Good morning everyone and welcome to our Remembrance Day ceremony which has been organised by Balaklava High School and Balaklava Primary School. Today, on the 11th of November, people all over Australia and around the world pause to remember those who have served and died in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping missions. This tradition began after World War I ended in 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Remembrance Day gives us all a chance to reflect on their sacrifices and to think about the importance of peace in our lives and for future generations.

There are many symbols and traditions that help us to reflect and we will share some of these with you this morning.

## ***The Minute Silence***

At 11:00 am, we observe a minute of silence. This silent moment gives us time to deeply reflect on the courage and service of those who have died in war. It is a simple, yet powerful way for us all to pay our respects together.

## ***Last Post***

The Last Post is a solemn tune played on a bugle during Remembrance Day ceremonies. It marks a time for us to stop and remember the soldiers who have died in service. Its powerful sound helps us show respect and think about the sacrifices made for our freedom.

## ***The Ode***

The Ode is a special part of Remembrance Day ceremonies. It is taken from a poem called "For the Fallen", written by Laurence Binyon. When the Ode is read, we are reminded that we must always remember those who served and died for our country. The Ode helps us reflect on their bravery and shows our promise that they will never be forgotten.

## ***Rouse***

After the Last Post, the Rouse is played on the bugle. The Rouse was used to wake soldiers up in the morning, and during these ceremonies it symbolises hope and new beginnings, reminding us that the memory of the fallen lives on.

Some of the symbols you may see on the day are.

## ***Rosemary***

Rosemary is a plant that symbolises remembrance. Wearing a sprig of rosemary on Remembrance Day shows that we honour and remember all those who have served and died for Australia.

## ***Wreaths***

Wreaths made from flowers and leaves are laid at memorials on Remembrance Day. Placing a wreath is a traditional sign of respect and remembrance for those who lost their lives in service.



# Remembrance Day



Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## **Red Poppies**

Red poppies are an important symbol on Remembrance Day. These flowers grew on the battlefields of World War I. By wearing a red poppy, we show our gratitude and remember those who sacrificed their lives in war.

## **The Colour Purple**

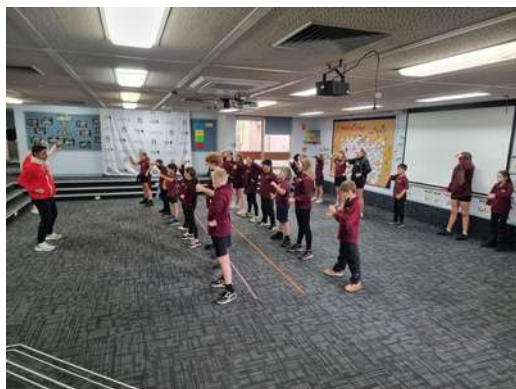
The colour purple is sometimes used to honour animals who served during wartime, such as horses, donkeys, dogs, and pigeons. Wearing a purple poppy or ribbon reminds us of the important part these animals played and the hardships they faced.

After the leaders spoke we passed over to the Balaklava High School students for the last post and the laying of the wreaths.



# Year 4 - 6 Taekwondo

Over the past few weeks the Year 4 - 6 students have taken part in Taekwondo.



# Choir sing for Aged Care

Last week our Choir students headed down to Walara Balaklava Millcourt. Which is an aged care facility in Balaklava. The students sang a few songs which was enjoyed by all.



BCCC  
Transition

WEDNESDAY  
19TH NOV

UNTIL 11:00AM





# 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.

# 2025 Graduation

Congratulations to all of the Graduating Students of 2025!



**LIAM**  
*National Bronze Award*  
30 Hours



**DEAKON**  
*National Bronze Award*  
30 Hours



**COBY**  
*National Bronze Award*  
30 Hours



**THOMAS**  
*National Bronze Award*  
30 Hours



**TAMIKA**  
*National Bronze Award*  
30 Hours



**JACKSON**  
*National Bronze Award*  
30 Hours

# 2025 Graduation

Congratulations to all of the Graduating Students of 2025!



**KATHLEEN**  
*National Bronze Award*  
30 Hours



**ETHAN**  
*National Bronze Award*  
30 Hours



**LUCY**  
*National Silver Award*  
65 Hours



**MITCHELL**  
*National Silver Award*  
65 Hours



**SOPHIA**  
*National Silver Award*  
65 Hours



**MELODY**  
*National Silver Award*  
65 Hours

# 2025 Graduation

Congratulations to all of the Graduating Students of 2025!



**MADISON**  
*National Silver Award*  
65 Hours



**EMMA**  
*National Gold Award*  
100 Hours



**LUCY**  
*National Bronze Certificate*  
130 Hours



**MATILDA**  
*National Bronze Certificate*  
130 Hours



**INDIANNA**  
*National Bronze Certificate*  
130 Hours



**HARPER**  
*National Bronze Certificate*  
130 Hours

# 2025 Graduation

Congratulations to all of the Graduating Students of 2025!



**PHILLIPPA**  
*National Bronze  
Certificate*  
130 Hours



**KURT**  
*National Silver  
Certificate*  
165 Hours



**ELLA**  
*National Silver  
Certificate*  
165 Hours



**CHARLIE**  
*National Silver  
Certificate*  
165 Hours



**JOANNA**  
*National Gold  
Certificate*  
200 Hours



**ZOE**  
*National Gold Diploma*  
300 Hours

# 2025 Graduation

Congratulations to all of the Graduating Students of 2025!



**ELLA**  
*National Silver Degree*  
365 Hours



**EVIE**  
*National Silver Degree*  
365 Hours



**GEORGIA**  
*National Gold Degree*  
400 Hours

# 2025 Graduation

## ***The Aim of Children's University:***

“For children to develop resilience, optimism and confidence, the opportunity for self-directed learning beyond the classroom is key. Children's University Adelaide fosters wellbeing by promoting ‘free range learning’, encouraging children to try out new activities, discover new passions, visit new places and above all have fun!”

- Quote from Children's University Website - [cuaustralia.com](http://cuaustralia.com)

## ***How to become involved in Children's University:***

Children's University encourages students to become involved in learning outside of school hours. There are many ways in which students can earn hours towards their certificates. Students can attend learning destinations such as the museum or art gallery, they can fill in a sporting diary or music diary, complete online challenges which are listed on the Children's University portal, volunteer hours to an organization, complete book and movie reviews; these are just a few examples of the many options.

Students record their hours in a special passport which is checked by the school coordinator who then liaises with the staff in Adelaide.

Students pay an annual fee to be part of the program and receive a passport to record their hours.

For more information please get in contact with Cherie Cleary.





## OUR YEAR IN BER 2

My favourite thing in class this year has been maths because you can remember times tables, so if someone told me a times table, I would just know it straight away. I have been getting so good at multiplying.

- **Amahli**

I like being in Ber 2. I have friends and Mr Otta is the best teacher on Earth. Maths is fun and after lunch he reads us a book, and he makes learning fun.

- **Chester**

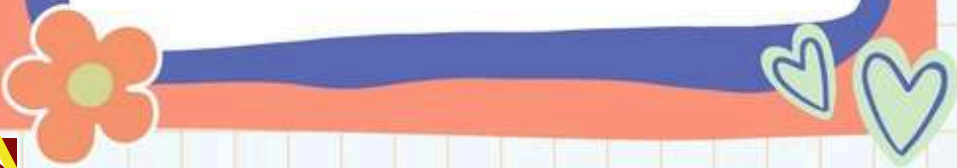
I like maths, it is fun. I like phonics, it is fun. I like HASS, it is fun. I like English in the classroom because the class is quiet.

- **Madison**  
When we went to the pool, all the times we went across the road to the park and the old museum. And home time.

- **Derek**

What we have been doing this year, we have been doing Maths, PE and dance, auslan and art and class novel. In maths we have learned about times, subtraction, adding and in HASS we are learning about Australia's neighbours.

- **Audrey**



In Ber 2 ♥

The thing I like in the class is art. I like we made these cool artwork, like we did some cool patterns and drew a circle in the middle and did some swirls. In art we also did our name in block letters or bubble letters and in maths I learned division and did daily reviews. In auslan I learned how to sign some new stuff. In performing art I learned some new dance moves.

- **Kyla**

I enjoy class novel, free time. In art we made lots of different artworks.

- **Hunter**

In this term we've been doing spelling, it is my favourite thing to do, and English. It's like spelling. I love my classmates they are really kind and I have great friends. And Mr Otto is kind to us and give us like a class novel after lunch. I also like HASS and PE, auslan and Performing arts. I also like phonics. I have learned about writing morphemes and graphemes, which I like to do. I love art, it is my favourite thing. I love colouring too. In art, we made donut ripples, shapes with swirly lines, neighbourhood art and there was heaps more! In PE we have learned lots of different games with Mr Jetter and in Auslan we have been learning lots about signing. It has been really fun!

- **Lilo**

This year I moved to Balaklava Primary School. In maths I learned a new way to do times, division, addition, and subtraction. I also learned that you need to know times tables to do division. At Balak we did two weeks of swimming lessons and a swimming carnival which was fun.

- **Kathleen**

My favourite art is when we put a shape with swiggly lines around it and we put all different patterns in them. I loved it. 😊 - Joanna

I like art because you can colour and paint and it is fun. Art is a fun activity.

- Leo

I'm going to share what I enjoyed this year! In term 1, when we first came to our new class rooms! We were supposed to have a different teacher, but she couldn't come (for specific reasons) so instead we had Mr Otta! Honestly, I would have liked to meet our other teacher, but it was still fun with Mr Otta

In term 2, we learned basic knowledge, like maths, reading, phonics, spelling, HASS and more I can't remember. We had specialist outside lessons like PE, auslan, performing arts and science. I enjoyed this term.

Term 3 - almost the end of the year... This was the chaotic term. Mr Otta had meetings like 90% of the time. Art was fun but it started to get boring sadly. Maths started getting hard, but this was a great term still! We went to the museum and it was very interesting.

Term 4 - last term of the year... but we had a new student! She's energetic and positive and kind! I'm building my friendship with her and it's going swimmingly. We've only had a few weeks of this term, we've already had the year 3 sleepover, some sapsasa stuff and room 6 and 7 went to the zoo! This week we're having book fair and it's great! I'm still pretty upset that it's almost the end of the year, but it's been great so far. Wish 2026 isn't as far as this year!

In 2026 I'm really looking forward to doing some more learning about history and money. It's been an AMAZING year! Some terms being chaotic (term 3) and some terms being the best (term 1)! I absolutely loved this year, hopefully next year will be as great as this one!

- Jinri

What we have been doing this year. We have been doing art, PE, auslan, and dance. We have also been doing times, minus and plus. My favourite subject is art. I love art because I have been doing some drawing at school and at home because whenever you practise something you'll get better at it and every afternoon we have been doing phonics. On Monday we have HASS, on Tuesday we have Science, on Wednesday we have auslan and PE, but on Thursday we have dance and at the last day Friday we have clean up, finishing up and some art? I think. In phonics we have been doing graphemes and morphemes to spell.

We have learned all about Australia's neighbouring countries, and we went to the museum and saw some old things that we had never seen from the past. And later this term I think we're going on a trip! It has been fun this year.

- **Guia**

Times tables are fun because  $1 \times 8 = 8$ ,  $2 \times 1000 = 2000$ ,  $3 \times 100 = 300$ .

- **Kaiden**

This year I have enjoyed our class novels because Mr Otto lets us draw and relax while he reads. I also enjoy computing, Mr Otto has us do coding or typing. I also like HASS because Mr Otto lets us learn about our neighbouring countries on the ipads and laptops. I also like having Mr Otto.

- **Gus**

This year I like PE because it is fun and normally when we are on the grass with Mr Jettner we also get to go on the playground for a little bit. Not every time, but sometimes. I also like recess and lunch. And I like class novel.

- **Patience**

# Premier's Be Active Challenge



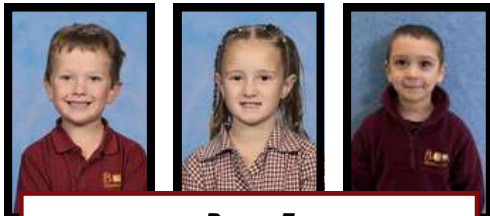
Room 6



Room 7



Room 18



Room 7

## BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY

*All Welcome*



21.11.25 | 2:20pm



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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

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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



## BALAKLAVA COMMUNITY CAROLS

### Children's Choir

For Primary school aged children who love to sing.

Rehearsals Wednesday afternoons

3:30-4:30pm

26th Nov, 3rd Dec, 10th Dec

Horizon Centre foyer.

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
AND TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDS INTEREST,  
PLEASE CONTACT RACHEL JENKINS  
0400254180

### Youth Choir

ANY SECONDARY STUDENTS INTERESTED  
IN JOINING THE YOUTH CHOIR,  
PLEASE CONTACT MELANIE EVANS  
0427796970

CAROLS TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 21ST

HOSTED BY HUMMOCKS +  
BALAKLAVA NETBALL CLUBS

# PLAY 4 PINK

FUNDRAISER FOR THE GANGELL FAMILY  
& BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY

## MIXED ROUND ROBIN NETBALL COMP FOR ALL AGES

→ **SUNDAY DECEMBER 7**  
@ Ralli Park Courts, Balaklava

- Team nominations including player names, ages & team name by **FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21st**.
- TEAM REG FEE \$70, PAYABLE TO ASHLEIGH WILLIAMS. PAYID 0437 849 227
- Also seeking Walking Netball player nominations
- RAFFLE DONATIONS TO ASH WILLIAMS BY NOV 21ST
- U10 players will have fun games & activities

**10AM START**  
BBQ Lunch | Cupcakes & Bubbles  
Breast Awareness talk

Any questions, contact Ash on 0437 849 227

WHOLE COMMUNITY WELCOME TO ATTEND  
Stronger together, we can fight breast cancer!

PLUS SPECIAL APPEARANCES FROM  
**Thunderbirds**

# PINERY - 10 YEARS ON

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

1pm - 4pm

The Farm Centre, Freeling  
40 Hanson Street, Freeling

What to expect:

- Guest Speakers
- Afternoon Tea
- Children's activities
- Bar facilities available

Follow the Facebook event for more information




## FUN FACT: ★

The number four is the only number to have the same amount of letters as its value.

## FOUR 4

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# 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 Combined Finance & Gov Council Mtg 6pm	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.  Early Dismissal of 2:10pm. 

	Assemblies		Student Free Days
	Meetings		Excursions/Camps
	SAPSASA		Cultural Dates



**Balaklava Christmas Pageant - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**Balaklava Carols by Candlelight - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**