

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.

STUDENTS ENJOYED PARTICIPATING IN PAUL RUTTER DRAW'S LAST WEEK



IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER
 28th JAM Band
 Performance

DECEMBER
 2nd The Amazing Race -
 PRC Reward

3rd BCCC Transition all
 day

4th Excursions: Ber 1 & Ber
 3 - Funtopia

4th Rm 2, Ber 4 & Ber 2 -
 Barossa Bowland

Year 6 Transition to
 BHS

5th Year 6 Transition to
 BHS

6th Community Assembly
 2:15pm for 2:20pm
 start

Community Assembly
 Term 4 - Final Assembly for
 2025

Friday, 5th Dec, Week 8
 2:15pm for 2:20pm start
 OSU Well

ALL WELCOME



From the
Principal
Dianna Jarman

Transition

It was wonderful to meet all of our 2026 start of year Reception students at Transition over the last two weeks. We certainly have lots of brave children who were happy to wave goodbye to their parents. We look forward to our final transition visit next Wednesday and to you joining us at BPS in 2026.

End of Year Reports & Class Visits:

Your child's End of Year Report will go home via an email on **Wednesday 10th Dec, Week 9 (Last week of school).**



Teachers are currently working on the class placement process. Changes to placement are not possible once classes are set. Many factors are considered and moving any one child impacts other classes. Students will have the opportunity to visit their new classes in Week 9 and will then bring home a letter advising you of their new class.

Book Fair

We would like to thank the parents for supporting our 2025 Book Fair.

We are looking for feedback in regards to the Book Fair. Please consider taking the time to fill in the form and let us know your thoughts. Qr code (& link) can be found on Page 4.

Staff/Volunteer Morning Tea

Wednesday 10th December - 10:30am

Invites have been sent out, make sure you check school bags. If you have volunteered this term and have not seen an invite by Tuesday 9th Dec, please let us know.

This is a great way to thank all our volunteers for their efforts throughout Term 4.



Right Name, Wrong Photo

We are so sorry to Charlie who had a different identity in the last newsletter for the Children's University feature.



CHARLIE
National Silver
Certificate
165 Hours

We didn't have our reading glasses on and it slipped through! Sorry Charlie.



END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

We hope you can join us for the End of Year Celebration on **Monday 8th December, Week 9**. The event is a wonderful way to celebrate a year of learning. The 10 raffle hampers are drawn at this event. Thank you to the families who have already generously donated to the hampers. If you haven't had a chance yet, we ask all students to donate one non-perishable item each to their class hamper. All donations can be dropped into the Front Office.

Additional books can be collected from the office. We ask that ALL books (sold & un-sold) must be returned with money no later than **Friday 5th December, Week 8**.



Casual Clothes Day

Help us Celebrate the last day of term by wearing sun smart casual clothes. Theme 'Happy Holidays' or 'Christmas Cheer'.

Remember your gold coin donation which will go to SRC fundraising.

Friday week 10, 12th of December





Goodbye & Good Luck!

Dear Balaklava Primary School Community,

As I prepare to take on the role of principal at Watervale Primary School, I want to take a moment to say farewell and send a massive thank you to all the staff, students, and families of BPS.



From the very first day I walked through the doors dressed as Thing 1 for our famous Book Week parade, BPS has felt like family. It's truly a special place –filled with hardworking staff, curious and fun students, and wonderful families who make every day memorable.

I will sincerely miss being part of the Balaklava Primary School community, but I will carry with me so many fond memories of my time here. Thank you for welcoming me and for all the support along the way. I wish you all the best and I will stay tuned to your Facebook page to see the great learning and fun activities continue. - **Michelle Pudney**

Hello everyone,

For those who don't know me, I'm Jessica, known to students as Mrs B. Up until this year I taught Performing Arts and Technologies from Reception to Year Six. Earlier this year I welcomed my son, Wolfgang, and I've taken this time to focus on my family while he's little.



In 2026 I'll be teaching Music three days a week at Burton Primary School. This allows me to balance work and family while continuing to grow my practice in the arts. I've truly enjoyed my time with the students at BPS and I'm proud of everything they've achieved.

To the students I've taught, keep exploring your creativity and sharing your talents – it's always a joy to see. To the families I've met, and those I'll meet in the future, I look forward to reconnecting with you all when I return in 2027. - **Jess Bushnell**

Dear BPS family

I am writing to you all to let you know that I am resigning from my role as Pastoral Care Worker at Balaklava Primary School.

I will finish at the end of this school year.

My husband will be retiring towards the end of next year and we both have a number of matters to deal with as we transition towards retirement.



I have enjoyed the challenge of working at BPS.

I will miss you all, and particularly those who I have had the opportunity to spent time with.

Thanks so much for having me.

I wish you all, and the school all the best.

Warmest regards,

Louise Lang



Audiri Deactivated

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. These qr codes are available on our website: www.balagr7.sa.edu.au

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_HgrFUQORXSERKNEY5N0gzT1QxODQzWTdYS1hFQ54u&origin=QRCode

Occasional (one off) traveller bus request



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BPS Parent / Community Feedback



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Paul Rutter Draw's

Reviews from Room 1

Australian Marsupials

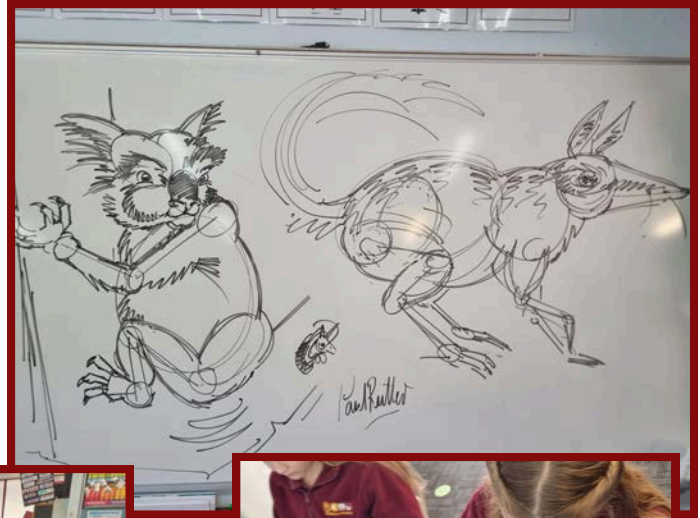
In lesson 1 with Paul Rutter, we drew Australian marsupials. He showed us how to draw a long-footed potoroo, koala and numbat. I showed resilience when we drew a koala. I stuffed up once then I tried again and I did it a lot better. I was proud of my second koala drawing. -

by Ayden.

Australian Marsupials

Last week Paul Rutter showed us how to draw and sketch. It was fun because I like to draw and I learned how to make things by shapes. He showed us how to draw with shapes. He also showed us how to make fur and shade. It was cool. I showed resilience by listening and participating and trying my best by having a go. I was proud of my self by having a go and knowing when I made a mistake.

by Mackenzie



Australian Marsupials

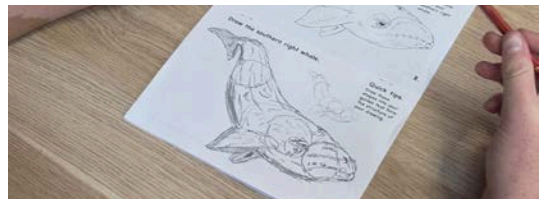
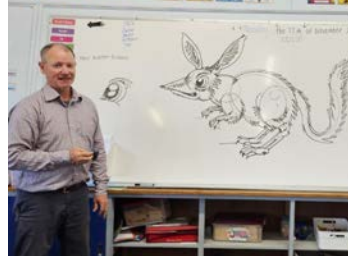
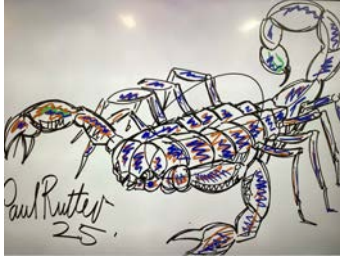
Last week with Paul Rutter, we drew some Australian Marsupials like the Potoroo, Koala and Numbat. We first drew the Potoroo, we started with him showing us how to draw the guides in our booklets, we then detailed it to make it look like the Potoroo. He also told us that some people draw the fur on animals then smudge it with their finger. I used that technique a lot!

Then we moved onto the koala. He told us that it would be harder because the koala was sitting on a tree, so we had to draw the details of the tree, alongside the koala. It wasn't that hard to draw, but it was missing a lot of lines. He told us we can add a little possum, which I didn't do. This was my favourite to draw.

And finally, we drew the Numbat on a blank piece of paper. First, I drew the shapes of the numbat with quick tips in the booklet. I then drew the face of the numbat and ran out of time because we had Auslan. He then asked Bec if he needed to rub it out. Bec said we could keep it on the board. He then said goodbye then left. Overall, this was a 9/10 experience, and I would do it again.

By Lans

Paul Rutter Draw's



2026 Important Dates

2026 Registration Days

We are currently working on the 2026 Registration Days. We aim to include this information and the relevant dates in the next newsletter; however, due to end-of-year events, we may miss this deadline. All information will be sent out via email in early January 2026.

2026 School Year start date

The 2026 School year will start on **Tuesday 27th January**, as Monday 26th January is the Australia Day Public Holiday.

Excursion reminders



Excursion
Rm 2, Ber 2 & Ber 4
BAROSSA BOWLAND
AND DINOSAUR THEMED MINI GOLF
Tuesday 4th Dec, Week 8



Excursion
Ber 1 & Ber 3
Funtopia
Tuesday 4th Dec, Week 8



Excursion
Rm 1, Rm 18 & Rm 20 (Yr 5's)
BOUNCE INC
FREE SPIRITS UNLEASHED
Tuesday 9th Dec, Week 9
Remember to wear/bring socks



Excursion
Year 6's
The Beach House
Tuesday 9th Dec, Week 9

Please remember on these excursions, the students are still representing BPS so need to wear school uniform (Unless advised other wise) and be on best behavior.



BALAKLAVA CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

DECEMBER 19TH

WE WOULD LOVE SOME ELVES TO
JOIN OUR BPS FLOAT! COME
DRESSED AS AN ELF OR WEAR A
RED, GREEN OR WHITE TOP.

**MEET AT 5:45PM FOR A 6PM START
BALAKLAVA OVAL**





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 - Black T-shirt. More information has been sent to parents via SeaSaw.

Room 18 - Black & White with a touch of Gold

Room 20 - Casual Clothes.

WEEK 6 ASSEMBLY AWARDS



Room 6

Charlie, Emma, Hunter & Herc



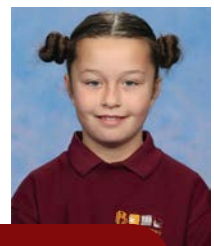
Room 7

Millicent, Vincent & Cohen



Room 1

Nellie, Lans, Lucy, Lacey & Chloe



Room 2

Zayne, Jack, Ryan & Emma

WEEK 6 ASSEMBLY AWARDS



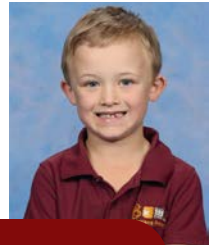
Ber 1

Thomas, Melody & Ashton



Ber 2

Madison, Kyla & Audrey



Ber 3

Alfred, Liam, Olivia & Jace



Ber 4

Nate, Hayley & Olivia



WEEK 6 ASSEMBLY AWARDS



Room 18

Charlotte, Alfred, Rhys, Kobe & Sidney



Room 20

Kendall, Tamika & Abigail

PREMIER'S BE ACTIVE



Ber 1

WEEK 6 LEXILE AWARDS

BLUE



Kyla

RED



Chester, Jackson, Rhys & Amity

BRONZE



Amber, Jakob, Jessica, Hayley & Lilo

SILVER



Derek

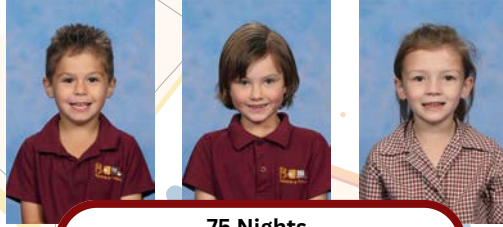
NIGHTS OF READING AWARDS



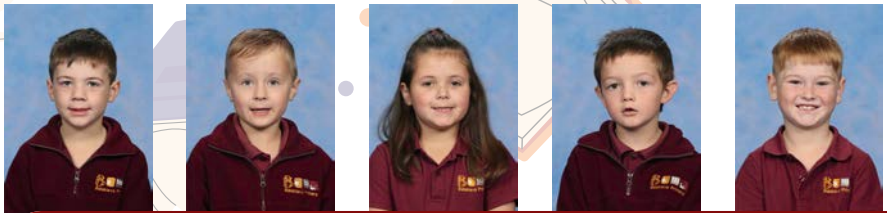
25 Nights
Darcy & Carson



50 Nights
Remme & Ava

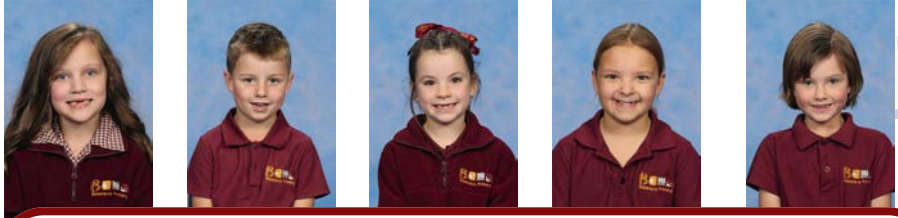


75 Nights
Stephen, Emma & Willow



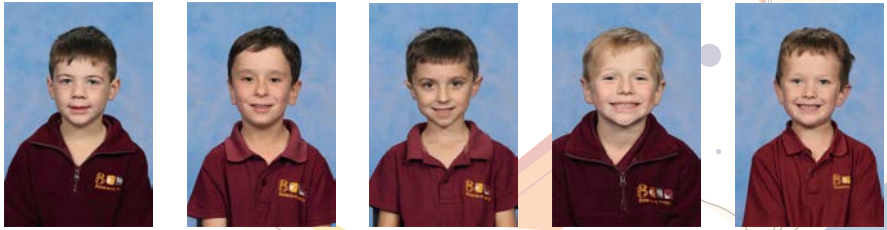
100 Nights
Austin, Fletcher, Emma, Hugo, Riley,

NIGHTS OF READING AWARDS



100 Nights

Saskia, Fergus, Lucy, Hazel & Emma



125 Nights

Austin, Angus, Hunter, Henry, Cohen,
Casey, Saskia, Ivan & Gabe



150 Nights

Mack

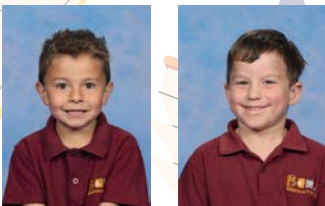
NIGHTS OF READING AWARDS



175 Nights
Charlie & Jasper



200 Nights
Herc



225 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, stationery, 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.**



Balaklava Primary School

Po Box 108, 51 Wallace St, Balaklava SA 5461
Phone: (08) 8862 1660 Email: dl0477.info@schools.sa.edu.au



End of Year Celebration

Food / Drink Options

8/12/2025

Sausage Sizzle / SRC drinks and Zooper Doopers:

Available from 5:15pm
No pre-orders required

Grazing Boxes & Sushi

PRE-ORDER Only

Pre-order and pay via QKR or by contacting the Front Office.
Collect from the Sausage Sizzle from 5:15pm

Orders close 10am 4/12



Snack box for 1
\$10



Box for 2
\$22



Family Box \$42



Sushi box of 2
\$10



Sushi box of 4
\$18

Sushi options:
Tuna & Avocado (GF), Vegetarian (GF), Chicken & Salad (NOT GF)

Lisa's Latte, Lions Donuts and Shelby Creams will be available for families to purchase
Please note that students will NOT be allowed food / drinks when seated with classes.



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
ADELPHI THUNDERBIRDS

Christmas MEAL DEAL

\$5

Includes
McCains Pizza Single
Jelly cup &
a Zooper Dooper

Order via QKR
Offer available
week 8 & 9

BALAKLAVA COMMUNITY LIBRARY CHRISTMAS & SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The Balaklava Community Library have a range of activities available throughout the Christmas & Summer holidays.

Look at their Facebook for more details and booking links.



FUN FACT: ★

It takes about 50 licks to finish just one scoop of ice cream.



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 <i>No buses will run</i>
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 The Amazing Race - PRC Reward	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 <i>Lisa's Lattes on site</i>	9/12 Year 6 Excursion Year 4/5 Excursion	10/12 Staff/Volunteer Morning Tea <i>Lisa's Lattes on site</i> 2026 Class Visits Reports emailed 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**