

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.

WELCOME TO OUR 2026 RECEPTION STUDENTS



IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

- 9 Book Club due
- 10 WELCOME NIGHT
- 16-27 R to Yr 5 Swimming Lessons
- 16-19 Yr 6 Aquatics Camp
- 23 Swimming Carnival

MARCH

- 3 Gov Council AGM
- 9 Adelaide Cup PH
- 11-23 NAPLAN
- 17 School Photos

- 24 Pre-Sports Day events
200m, 800m, 1500m

APRIL

- 3 Good Friday PH
- 6 Easter Monday PH
- 10 Last day of Term 1 - early dismissal: 2:10pm
- 25 ANZAC DAY
- 27 Term 2 starts

Community Assembly

Term 1
 Week 2, 4, 6 & 8
 Fridays

2:20pm start
 OSU (Open Space Unit) Well
 (Library)

ALL WELCOME





From the
Principal
Dianna Jarman

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome Back to the 2026 School Year!

We are delighted to welcome all families to Balaklava Primary School for another exciting year of learning and growth. It has been wonderful catching up with students and hearing about their holiday adventures.

Seeing students reconnect with their peers, build new friendships, and collaborate on establishing classroom expectations aligned with our school values – Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Your Best – has been wonderful.

This year, we begin with a total of 220 students and have 10 mainstream classes. Once again, we will be welcoming mid-year intake Reception students, further expanding our learning community.

A Warm Welcome to New Faces

We extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families, as well as to our new staff members:

Jess Knight – Ancillary Classroom Support
Brodie Manfield – Ancillary Classroom Support

We are excited to have them join our school community and look forward to the contributions they will make.

This week, our new Reception students are featured on the front page of the newsletter. In the next edition, we will introduce our new students and staff more fully.

We also warmly welcome **Kym Palka**, who is kindly supporting the school while we await the appointment of a new Deputy Principal. Thank you, Kym – your support is greatly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS

to our Newsletter Editor, Alicia, and family on the birth of their third child, Remi.

(You will note that without Alicia, the first newsletter is coming to you late. Please be kind to her newsletter apprentices for the next couple of newsletters)



Facilities Updates

Over the holiday break, some maintenance and improvement work was undertaken to enhance our school environment:

- All buildings and structures pressure cleaned
- Ongoing watering system tweaking
- Full site electrical testing completed
- School servers relocated while IT room is being renovated (creating some internet slowness)
- Redevelopment of the IT room and OSU staff toilet commenced and ongoing
- Mould remediation in BER building completed
- Major water pipe repairs undertaken in JP area



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Exemptions for Holidays

If you are planning on going on a family holiday for a week or more throughout the school term(s), please notify the front office prior to leaving for a Department for Education Exemption form which must be signed by Dianna.



School Assembly



Community Assembly

Community Assemblies will be held in Weeks 2, 4, 6 and 8 this term.

Location: Open Space Unit (OSU) Well
Time: Fridays – 2:20pm (sharp) start

All families are very welcome to attend.

Governing Council

Included in this Newsletter is the 2026 Governing Council Nomination Form. The Governing Council is an elected group of parents and staff that oversee the management and well-being of the school community and its assets. Members are elected at the Annual General Meeting. If you would like more information, please contact the school.



Nomination forms are to be returned prior to the AGM.

**Governing Council
AGM
Tuesday, March 3rd 2026**

School Canteen

Please be reminded that students are not permitted to purchase food from the canteen throughout the school day. All food must be pre-ordered either via a lunch bag or the Qkr app (**app cut off is 9am on the day of the lunch order**).



Thank you

Thank you to Ali Tiller and Amy May, members of the PCC (Parent Coordinating Committee) who provided a cuppa and chat opportunity for families after they dropped their children off on Tuesday.

*thank
★ you ★*

Positive Play

Positive Play occurs on Fridays from 1:25pm-1:40pm.

Our Positive Play focus is on:

- Speaking kindly to staff and peers
- Using safe hands and feet
- Staying in class and participating in learning tasks

Students who do not meet these expectations will remain in class with their teacher during Positive Play time.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Messages

Email and Seesaw are great ways to communicate with staff; however, teachers are not always able to check messages during the school day.



All urgent messages (for example, changes to after-school arrangements) must be communicated by phoning the Front Office on 8862 1660. Facebook Messages sent to Administration are checked sporadically.

TERM PLANNER

Included in this Newsletter is the current term planner. At this time of the year, events are added to the planner frequently. Please keep an eye out in the Newsletter, on Facebook and Seesaw to keep up to date with events that are added to our calendar.

Seesaw

Have you connected to Seesaw yet?



Seesaw allows you to:

- Communicate directly with your child's teacher (private messages)
- Receive class announcements and updates

To connect, scan the QR code included in your child's book pack, or contact the Front Office on 8862 1660 or email dl.0477.info@schools.sa.edu.au to request the invite is emailed to you.

Facebook

Follow our Facebook pages to stay up-to-date with news and events throughout the school.



**Balaklava Primary School and
Balaklava Primary School Volunteers**

FOLLOW

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2026 TERM DATES

TERM 1 - 11 WEEKS

Tuesday 27th Jan - Friday 10th April

TERM 2 - 10 WEEKS

Monday 27th April - Friday 3rd July

TERM 3 - 10 WEEKS

Monday 20th July - Friday 25th Sep

TERM 4 - 9 WEEKS

Monday 12th Oct - Friday 11th Dec

BPS SCHOOL TIMES

8:25am: Crossing Duty begins, students allowed on-site. - No students to be on-site prior to 8:25am

8:45am: Class begins. Any student arriving after the 8:45am siren will need to sign in via the Front Office

10:30: Recess Eating Time

10:40 - 11:00: - Recess Play Time

12:40 - 12:50: Lunch Eating Time

12:50 - 1:20: Lunch play

3:10: End of day dismissal

3:25pm: Crossing Duty finishes and all families to have left site

BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Smoke-free and Vape-free

Balaklava Primary School is smoke-free and vape-free both on site and within 10 metres of site boundaries. This includes:



SMOKE-FREE AND VAPE-FREE GROUNDS

- School drop-off and pick-up zones that are within 10 metres of the school fence, gate or boundary.
- School Ovals and Sporting fields and within 10 metres of the boundary of the oval or sporting field.
- Footpaths, Roads, Public nature strips and public recreation areas that are within 10 metres of a school boundary.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Monday 23rd February (Week 5)

More information regarding the carnival will be sent out once the committee has finalised the details.



HOT WEATHER ADVICE



Balaklava Primary School is **not** classified as a High BushFire Risk site and therefore remains **open** on days of **Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating**.

BPS will continue to closely monitor weather conditions and will follow Department for Education advice at all times.

If the CFS declares a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating for the Mid North between 4:00-5:00 pm the day prior, school bus services may be impacted.

Please note: the Beaufort Bus may also be impacted if a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is declared for Yorke Peninsula.

Any updates or changes will be communicated to families via EdSmart. Please ensure your contact details are up to date so you do not miss any important information. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

BOM NEWS

Hot weather

Balaklava

TUESDAY

44°C

EXTREME

If the weather forecast is 36 degrees or above (as per the BOM Balaklava App at 7am morning of), hot weather arrangements are in place.

Recess: Normal recess play is to occur. If Leadership deem it too unsafe for students to play outside due to the conditions at Recess, three short siren blasts will indicate incise play.

Lunch: All students to remain inside the buildings for lunchtime.

Students must bring a water bottle to School each day.

IMPORTANT

Temperature according to BOM at time of publishing: 2/20/26 3:41pm

Wednesday Sunny
Thursday Sunny
Friday Partly Sunny

ZOOPEER DOOPER

AVAILABLE AT RECESS FROM THE LIBRARY

TUESDAY 3/2

50 cents each



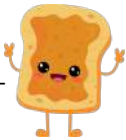
Water Bottle

All students must bring a water bottle to school each day. Bottles can be refilled throughout the day at our refrigerated bubblers.

Students should not bring drinks other than water to school unless required for medical reasons which have been discussed with leadership.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club has resumed for 2026. Breakfast is available in the Library each day between 8:25am - 8:45am.



All students are welcome. Breakfast Club is free of charge and funded by BPS, some community donations, for which we are very grateful and Kick Start for Kids, however additional donations are always welcome.

We would love more parent volunteers to assist with Breakfast Club, please contact the office if you are interested or require more information.

BPS Hat Expectations

Children are required to wear Balaklava Primary School (BPS) uniform hats during break times and whenever lessons are held outdoors.

School hats are available for purchase from the Front Office or via QKR.

Students who do not have a hat will be directed to play under the large shelter or gazebo during break times.



Students may borrow a hat from their classroom teacher; however, they will be required to leave a personal item (e.g. water bottle, pencil case) in exchange. Personal items will be returned once the borrowed hat has been returned. We call this “**Mutual Exchange**”.

Please note, this process has changed from 2025. Previously, students were able to borrow hats from the Front Office.

A copy of the BPS Hat Expectations is below for your reference. Staff regularly share these expectations with students to reinforce our sun-safe practices at BPS.

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HAT EXPECTATION

Sun Safety
A BPS broad-brimmed hat must be worn when outside by students in Terms 1-4 (inclusive).
Staff are expected to model sun safety by wearing a broad-brimmed hat of their choice during Terms 1-4 (inclusive).

Hat Condition
Hats must not be intentionally damaged and must be free of graffiti.
If a student's hat is damaged, teachers are to notify parents.
Damaged hats must be replaced as soon as possible.

Purchasing Hats
New BPS hats can be purchased through the Front Office or via QKR.

Short-Term Hat Loan (Mutual Exchange)
Students may participate in a short-term mutual exchange for a hat if required.
Each classroom will have two hats available for this purpose.
From 2026, mutual exchange for hats is no longer undertaken through the Front Office.

No Hat - Designated Play Areas
Students without a hat may play in the following areas:
Ber Shelter
Year 3-6 Playground
R-2 Sandpit
Library (lunchtime only)

Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Your Best

Thank you!

to the Staff who organised our BPS Float for the Balaklava Christmas Pageant and the students who joined us on the night. Here are some of our student participants.



School Photos

Tues 17th March - envelopes going home soon



SAVE THE DATE

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.



Illness

Please help us keep our school community healthy by keeping children at home when they are unwell.

Students must remain at home for at least **24 hours** after their **last symptom**.

We strongly encourage families, where possible, to keep children home for **48 hours** to ensure they are fully recovered before returning.

If a child becomes unwell during the school day, families will be contacted to collect them.

Students who are absent for three days or more require a doctor's certificate.



Canteen Pricelist

Please refer to QKR for Canteen offerings and prices. Once a new menu has been ratified through the BHS Governing Council, we will share it with families.

CANTEEN

PCC (Parent Coordinating Committee)

The BPS Parent Coordinating Committee would love for some new members to join them this year. PCC is a great way to meet new people and keep up to date with what is going on in the school. There is no pressure to take on any major role. Non-school age children are welcome to come to meetings. Meetings are generally held on a Friday a few times throughout the school term.

School Start Time

Student safety is our priority.



Teaching staff begin yard duty at 8:25am, and students should **not** arrive at school before this time.

Families who require earlier drop-off must make arrangements with Balaklava Community Children's Centre (OSHC).

If you arrive slightly before 8:25am, please wait outside the school grounds or under the gazebo near the administration building.

Thank you for your understanding.

Entering the Grounds

If entering via Wallace Street, all families who park on the Eastern side of the road (Swimming Pool Side) must use the School Crossing. For those who park on the Western side of Wallace Street (school side) you may use the bike/pedestrian access gate near Room 1 (where the Primary School and High School meet / cricket net) or the School Crossing.



Families entering the site from Gwy Tce must use the **pedestrian access gate** near the Bus Road.

Please **do not use** the BHS Tech lane or the bus road to enter the school grounds.



— HAPPY —
Retirement

Today, we said farewell to Mrs Wood who worked her last TRT day before retirement. We will miss you Ro. Thank you for all that you have done for our BPS community.

We will miss you

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2026 STAFF AT BPS

CLASS TEACHERS

Room 6



Marcia Nowlan
Rec / Yr 1

Room 7



Jazz Gilbertson
Rec / Yr 1

Ber 1



Wendy Richards
Year 1 / 2

Ber 1



Emily Thomas
Year 1 / 2

Ber 3



Courtney Durkay
Year 1 / 2

Ber 4



Abby Silverman
Year 2 / 3

Room 1



Sam Otta
Year 3 / 4

Room 1



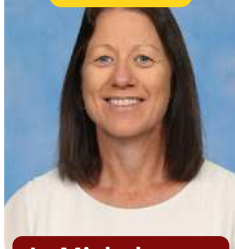
Jess Fiegert
Year 3 / 4
(from Term 3)

Room 14



Bec Houston
Year 5 / 6
(4 days)

Room 18



Jo Michalanney
Year 5 / 6
(4 days)

Room 20



Kerri Blackwell
Year 5 / 6
(4 days)

Room 14,
18 & 20



Tegan Maher
Year 5 / 6

Room 2 - Tamara

Staff are given the same option as students and parents regarding whether they wish for their photograph to appear in print media.

2026 STAFF AT BPS

CLASS/SPECIALIST TEACHERS

Auslan



Sue-Ann de Vries

Arts



Sue-Ann de Vries

PE



Tegan Maher

Science



Prue Mosman

LEADERSHIP

Principal



Dianna Jarman

Deputy Principal



TBA

Student Wellbeing Coordinator



Cherie Cleary

Literacy Coordinator



Jo Michalanney

OFFICE SUPPORT

Business Manager



Diane Gregor

Office Support



Megan Arthur

Office Support



Dot Tiller

Office Support / Newsletter



Alicia Krieg

2026 STAFF AT BPS

STUDENT SUPPORT

Stacey

Denis



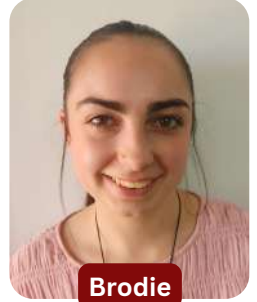
Laura



Angela



Airlie



Brodie



Dee



Sally



Jo



Michael 'Mazz'



Lee-anne



Sammi



Kym



Kylie



Teagan



Anastasia



Chris



Jess

SWIMMING LESSONS & SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Swimming Lessons for Receptions to Year 5 will be held in

Week 4 and Week 5

Monday 16th Feb - Friday 27th February

The **SWIMMING CARNIVAL** will be held at the beginning of the second week of Swimming Lessons - **Monday 23rd February**. Lessons will then continue Tuesday 24/2 - Friday 27/2.

Classroom teachers will send home further information closer to the date.

We would like to invite all parents and caregivers to our Swimming Carnival, to cheer on our students throughout the day filled with events and races at the Balaklava Swimming Pool

**HELP
NEEDED**

Keep an eye out for a SeeSaw message from classroom teachers asking if you, or a family member can help out at our Swimming Carnival.

NAPLAN

We would like to inform families about the upcoming National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for 2026. NAPLAN will take place in Term 1, with the official test window running from 11th March to 23rd March.

All schools, including Balaklava Primary School, will participate in the South Australian Coordinated Practice Test (CPT) on 24th February between 9:00am and 1:00pm. This practice test is an important preparation opportunity to support students in becoming familiar with the online testing environment.

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will complete all test domains online, with the exception of the Year 3 Writing test, which will be completed on paper. Tests will be administered in the following order:

- Writing
- Reading
- Conventions of Language
- Numeracy

For further information about NAPLAN, families are encouraged to visit the National Assessment Program (NAP) website at www.nap.edu.au/naplan. The brochure for Parents and Carers and the Privacy Notice are on the following pages.

Please take the time to review the Privacy Collection Notice. This notice outlines how personal information about you and your child will be collected and used for NAPLAN testing and related preparation activities leading up to the tests in March 2026.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in ensuring a smooth and successful NAPLAN experience for our students.



NAPLAN 2026

Information for parents and carers



Why do students do NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it is important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum, and allows parents and carers to see how their child is progressing against national proficiency standards.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with more information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working, and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Online NAPLAN tests are designed to provide precise results and are engaging for students. The tests are tailored (or adaptive), which means that each test presents questions that may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses. This helps students remain engaged with the assessment.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content aligned to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

All government and non-government education authorities contribute to the development of NAPLAN test materials.

To find out more about NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au

Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. ACARA supports inclusive testing, so all students have the opportunity to participate in the National Assessment Program.

Information on adjustments available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs is provided in the [National protocols for test administration](#)

Schools should work with parents, carers and students to identify, on a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments required for individual students with disability to access NAPLAN.

To help inform these decisions, you may consult the National protocols for test administration (linked above), [NAPLAN public demonstration site](#), the [Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN](#), and our [series of videos](#) where parents, carers, teachers and students share their experiences in using NAPLAN adjustments.

In exceptional circumstances, a student with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.



What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN test days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule.

What can I do to support my child?

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by letting them know that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. Some explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests. However, it is not necessary for parents and carers to do this. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

See the types of questions and tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments at [NAP – Public demonstration site](#).

How is my child's performance reported?

NAPLAN results are reported against proficiency standards. There is a standard for each assessment area at each year level. Proficiency standards provide clear information on student achievement. They are set at a challenging but reasonable level expected of the child at the time of NAPLAN testing, based mainly on what has been taught in previous years of schooling.

Student achievement is shown against 4 levels of proficiency: Exceeding, Strong, Developing and Needs additional support.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be provided by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school. If further assistance is required, you should contact your relevant state or territory test administration authority. ACARA cannot provide individual student reports.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students, parents and carers use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review the effectiveness of programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at [myschool.edu.au](#)

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at [nap.edu.au/TAA](#)
- visit [nap.edu.au](#)

To learn how ACARA manages personal information for NAPLAN, visit [nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy](#)

NAPLAN timetable

The NAPLAN test window is 9 days. This is to accommodate schools that may not have the capacity to complete the tests in a shorter time frame. **The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 11 March 2026 and finishes on Monday 23 March 2026.** Schools **must** schedule the tests as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week.

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	Year 3 students must do the writing test on paper on day 1 only. Years 5, 7 and 9 writing tests must start on day 1 (schools must prioritise completion of writing on day 1, with day 2 only used where there are technical/logistical limitations).	Year 3: 40 min Year 5: 42 min Year 7: 42 min Year 9: 42 min	Students are given an idea or topic called a writing stimulus (or prompt) and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing).
Reading	To be completed after the writing test.	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts, and then answer related questions.
Conventions of language	To be completed after the reading test.	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 45 min Year 7: 45 min Year 9: 45 min	Students are assessed on spelling, grammar and punctuation.
Numeracy	To be completed after the conventions of language test.	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Students are assessed on number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability.

NAPLAN 2026 Privacy Collection Notice

This notice explains how personal information about student(s) and their parents/carers is collected and used for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing and preparation activities in 2026.

NAPLAN testing

NAPLAN is a national test conducted annually for students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is responsible for the development and central management of the NAPLAN program. In South Australia, the Department for Education is the Test Administration Authority for NAPLAN and is responsible for the administration of the NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN tests are completed nationally online, except for Year 3 writing which is paper based. Small numbers of students may use alternative test formats, such as paper or special print materials.

More information on NAPLAN is available at: www.rainz.edu.au/rainz/parent-career-support/.

Readiness testing activities

Schools participate in readiness activities before the main NAPLAN test.

The purpose of the readiness activities is to familiarise students with the test format, question types and the online testing experience and for schools to confirm they are ready to administer NAPLAN.

Collection and disclosure of personal information

As the State's Test Administration Authority, the Department for Education is required by law to collect and use personal information about student(s) and their parents/carers through each participating school, for the purpose of administering and delivering the NAPLAN test.

For every student participating in NAPLAN testing and readiness activities, the personal information below will be uploaded to the NAPLAN Online National Assessment Platform.

- Student name*
- Gender*
- School name, class and year level*
- Disability adjustments (where applicable) *
- Date of birth*
- Language background other than English
- Country of birth
- Parents'/carers' occupation, education and language background
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status
- Student's braille format*
- Jurisdictional and local school student identifiers*

The personal information for students who are exempted, absent or withdrawn from NAPLAN testing is also collected and used for reporting purposes. For information on how ACARA collects and uses personal information about student(s) and their parents/carers for NAPLAN, please refer to [ACARA's privacy notices](#).

The items marked with an asterisk (*) above are also provided to FUJIFILM Data Management Solutions Pty Ltd (FUJIFILM) for the purposes of printing paper test materials, writing test assessments and the printing of student reports. FUJIFILM is subject to rigorous information privacy and data security obligations under its contract with the SA Department for Education in providing these contracted services.

FUJIFILM's privacy policy can be found at: <https://www.fujifilm.com/au/en/privacy>

Data security

Security and privacy are key requirements for the delivery of NAPLAN testing.

NAPLAN Online National Assessment Platform

The NAPLAN Online National Assessment Platform is managed and operated by Education Services Australia Limited (ESA) and has been designed to comply with relevant national data security policies and guidelines. ESA is a not-for-profit company established by all Australian Education Ministers.

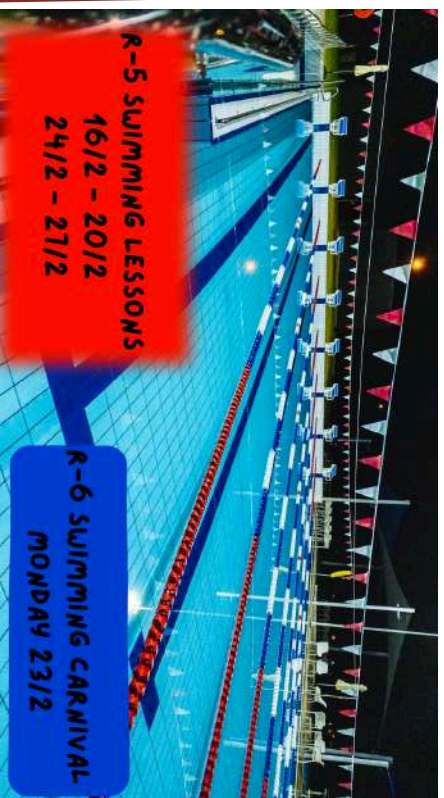
ESA's privacy policy can be found at: <https://www.esa.edu.au/privacy>.

Access and correction

To request access or correction to personal information collected for NAPLAN and held by schools, please contact your school principal.

More information

Speak with your school principal in the first instance if you have any questions about this information.



Student Absence

Absence Notification Form



Bus travel request

Occasional (one off) traveller bus
request



Balaklava Primary School

2026 Classroom Map

Bankisia Building - BER

Playground

Room 7 Rec/1 Jazz Gilbertson	Room 6 Rec/1 Marcia Nowlan
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Ber 3 1/2 Courtney Durkey	Ber 4 2/3 Abby Silverman
Ber 1 1/2 Wendy Richards	Ber 2 0.8 Science Prue Mosman

Room 2 3/4 Tamara Carter	Rm 1 3/4 Sam Otto
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Engine Room
Cherie Cleary

Leadership for 2026

Principal: Dianna Jarman

DP: TBA

Wellbeing Co-ordinator: Cherie Cleary

Curriculum Co-ordinator: Jo Michalannev

Autism Inclusion: TBA

ACEO: TBA

PCW: TBA

Arts 0.4 Sue-Ann de Vries Choir Private Lessons	Austlan 0.4 Sue-Ann de Vries
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Room 14A 5/6 Bec Houston 0.8 Tegan Maher 0.2	
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Pre-loved
Uniforms

Open Space Unit
OSU

Non-Instruction Time (NIT)

Tegan Maher 0.4 PE

Sports
Shed

Room 20 5/6 Kerr Blackwell 0.8 Tegan Maher 0.2	Room 18 5/6 Jo Michalannev 0.8 Tegan Maher 0.2	Library
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Meeting
Room

Administration
Office
(Front Office)

Main Entrance & Exit

Wallace Street

Wombat Crossing

NO PEDESTRIAN OR VEHICLE ACCESS: BUS ROAD ONLY

GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Governing Council (GC) is an elected group of parents and staff that oversee the management and well-being of the school community and its assets. Members of Council are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and usually serve a two-year term. The tasks of Governing Council include:

- Keeping informed about the Site Learning Plan
- Advising the Principal of general community concerns and opinions
- Discussing educational policy
- Staff liaison

The Governing Council meet in the evenings, twice per term.

Sub Committees are formed to help share the responsibilities and decision making with a greater number of parents who are not members of the GC. They then report back to the GC with any recommendations made by the committee, for the GC to vote on if necessary.

SUB COMMITTEES INCLUDE:

Fundraising:

Meets on a regular basis throughout the year to initiate, implement and support various fundraising activities throughout the year. These are usually day time meetings.

Finance:

Manages the school finances in consultation with the school community develops an annual budget and monitors expenditure and income throughout the year.

The Finance Committee meet twice per term, usually in the early evening, however the members of committee will discuss their availability to determine a suitable meeting time in 2026.

Canteen:

Representatives from the Primary School meet with representatives from the High School to oversee the management of the canteen, usually once per term. This is often an after school meeting.

Bus:

Reviews bus routes, manages the bus policies and responds to other issues concerning the school buses as they arise. This committee meets once per term, at approximately 4pm.

Grounds & Facilities:

Discusses the general maintenance of the school grounds and buildings, including organising working bees and ensuring the school maintenance schedule is adhered to. This committee meet twice per term, usually around 5:30pm

Have you ever wondered how you can find out more about what is happening in the school or have a greater input? Have you considered joining one of our committees?

2026 Governing Council Nomination Form

**BALAKLAVA PRIMARY GOVERNING COUNCIL
2026 NOMINATION FOR ELECTION FORM**

I.....

full name of the person who is making the nomination of themselves or someone else

of.....(address)

Nominate (it is possible to self-nominate)

full name of the person that is being nominated

I.....

of.....(address)

To be elected as a member of Balaklava Primary Governing Council.

I.....

full name of the person that is being nominated and agrees to be accepted being nominated

of.....(address)

accept the nomination and hereby declare that:

I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors

I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person

I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any of the offences listed my membership of Balaklava Primary Governing Council will cease.

Signed.....Date.....

**BALAKLAVA PRIMARY GOVERNING COUNCIL COMMITTEE 2026
NOMINATION FOR ELECTION FORM**

I.....(full name)

of.....(address)

Nominate to be elected as a member of BPS Governing Council committee

Parent Coordinating (PCC) Grounds & Facilities

Finance Bus

Fundraising Canteen

Signed.....Date.....



BPS UNIFORM INFORMATION

Hats:

Maroon broad brimmed hat.
To be worn all year round.

Polo Shirt:

Maroon

Shorts:

Boys: School grey/ or School black - no large/offensive logos.

Shorts/Skortts:

Girls: Maroon or Regulation check or School black - no logos.

Dress:

Regulation maroon check - (Material available at school).

Kilt:

Regulation maroon plaid (Material available at school).

Windcheaters:

Maroon or Maroon with BPS logo.

Long Pants:

Boys: School grey / School Black - no stripes or denim
Girls: School Black - No leggings, stripes or denim.

Beanie, Scarf, Headband:

Maroon (optional)

Spray Jacket:

Black (optional) - waterproof with hood.

New hats & dresses can be paid for via Qkr

Library Bags:

*The PCC gifted our new Reception students with a library bag full of goodies to help with learning at home.
New library bags available from the office.*



SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

The Parent Coordinating Committee keep a range of second hand uniforms for purchase from the front office. If you have any pre-loved school uniforms (especially polo-shirts) that you would like to donate to the school, we would be extremely grateful.

The PCC also sell -

- School Dresses
- Material for shorts and kilts
- School Hats
- Library Bags
- School Bags

These above items can now be paid for via Qkr. If you need help with sizing please pop into the front office and see the staff at the front desk.

New shirts, jumpers, pants and shorts can be purchased from Tads Embroidery in Balaklava.





Our school canteen provides a wonderful service for our families and often saves the day when we need a convenient, nutritious option for our children. However, this service relies on the support of parent volunteers. Without enough help, the canteen may not be able to continue operating as it currently does.

Please consider volunteering just ½ to 1 day per term to help keep our canteen running for the benefit of all our students and families.



Volunteer Roster Term 1						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
1	26/1 Public Holiday	27/1	28/1	29/1	30/1	
	2/2 Sam Boakes	3/2	4/2	5/2	6/2	
3	9/2 Sarah Richards	10/2	11/2	12/2 Barb Rodgers	13/2	
	16/2	17/2	18/2	19/2 Lauren March	20/2	
5	23/2	24/2	25/2	26/2	27/2	
	2/3	3/3	4/3	5/3 Tammy Nicholls	6/3	
7	9/3 Adelaide Cup	10/3	11/3	12/3	13/3	
	16/3	17/3	18/3	19/3	20/3 Jeremy Lomman	
9	23/3 Alisha Senior	24/3	25/3	26/3	27/3	
	30/3	31/3	1/4	2/4	3/4	
11	6/4 Easter Monday	7/4	8/4	9/4	10/4	
					Good Friday	

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.

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





Resolving issues respectfully at BPS

We're committed to developing positive relationships with all members of our community and giving our best to support your child's learning and wellbeing.

To help us resolve any concerns you may have, it's important that we discuss issues in a calm and reasonable way. The below information provides guidance to parents, caregivers, and families on how to raise issues respectfully at BPS.

Talk to your child

- Ask questions (who, what, when, where, how, why) to find out more about the issue.
- Use this information to help decide if your child can resolve the issue themselves, or if support is needed from the School.
- Providing your child opportunities to appropriately resolve an issue themselves can help build problem solving skills and resilience.



Talk to your child's teacher

- Contact your child's teacher by SeeSaw about the issue you want to raise.
- Depending on what the issue is and how it needs to be resolved, the teacher may:
 - work with you to establish the best course of action for your child
 - have recommendations on how you can support your child at home
 - provide information about additional support your child can access at school.
 - refer the issue to a leadership team member to help resolve it.



Talk to the leadership team

- If you don't feel your concern has been resolved, or if there's a serious issue, you can discuss it with the Principal or another member of the leadership team.
- Send an email to dl.0477.info@schools.sa.edu.au or call the office (details below) to request an appointment.



Contact our office

- For any general questions or concerns, or if you're not sure who you need to speak with, contact our office. Our staff can connect you with the right person.
- **Phone:** (08) 8862 1660
- **Email:** dl.0477.info@schools.sa.edu.au
- **Office hours:** 8:30am – 4pm (Monday – Friday)





Balaklava Primary School



Po Box 108, 51 Wallace St, Balaklava SA 5461
Phone: (08) 8862 1660 Email: dl.0477.info@schools.sa.edu.au

When you can expect a response

- We aim to reply to all contact within **2 business days**, during term time.
- Sometimes we'll need more time to gather information, plan, or set things up. Please be patient while we're working on resolving your concerns, and we'll update you as soon as possible.
- The person you need to talk to might not be available right away. Please leave a message and they'll get back to you soon, or you can ask to set up a time for a conversation when you're both available.
- We understand it may be more convenient for you to send emails outside of our regular hours. In turn, staff will respond to you when they are working.



Useful tips

- ✓ Remaining calm and respectful when talking with staff will ensure your point of view and concerns are heard. It's never OK to shout, abuse or insult people, or make threats.
- ✓ Provide factual details about the issue, including things like dates and names of people involved, and what resolution you are seeking.
- ✓ Keep an open mind and be aware that there may be different views and perspectives about a situation.
- ✓ Sometimes it can feel overwhelming to discuss issues you're concerned about in-person. You may prefer to write them in an email, or you are welcome to bring a support person or advocate when talking with staff – please just let us know before we meet.
- ✓ We can only follow up on issues that we're aware of. It's not helpful to air grievances to other parents or on social media. Instead, report your concern to staff directly so we can work with you to resolve it.
- ✓ You only need to email or speak with 1 staff member, who will follow up or refer it to the person who can help. Please don't raise the same issue with multiple staff.
- ✓ If you're concerned about another child's or parent's behaviour, report it to staff. It's not appropriate to approach children or their families to raise issues with them.
- ✓ For privacy reasons we can't give you any information about other children or families, but please feel reassured that we will follow up issues and take appropriate action.

More information and support

- If you're not satisfied with how we've managed your concerns, you can contact the Department for Education's Customer Feedback team for help.
- They can assist you with advice about the issues you've raised and liaise with us on your behalf to ensure all resolution options have been explored.
- **Make a complaint online:** <https://schools-sa.my.site.com/CFU/s/>
- **Phone:** 1800 677 435 (free call)
- **Email:** education.complaints@sa.gov.au



See the grievance procedure on our website or the [Raising a complaint with the Department for Education factsheet](#) for more information about complaint processes.

ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL

Nut and Seed (Allergy) Aware School

We ask that ALL students at BPS refrain from bringing foods to school that contain nuts (eg Peanut paste/Nutella) as well as Sesame and Linseed seed.

We appreciate your cooperation with this. Thank you - Dianna

A severe allergy to nuts and sesame can have a life threatening reaction. Anaphylactic shock can occur within seconds of exposure to a nut or sesame allergen.

This can occur if:

- Contact is made with a person who has handled or eaten nuts or nut products.
- Contact is made with a person who has handled or eaten sesame seeds or sesame products.
- Contact is made with an object such as a toy or door handle that has traces of nuts or sesame on it.

Context:

The DfE requires schools to promote and construct learning environments that are safe and supportive.

Students and staff may have Anaphylaxis, the severest form of allergic reaction, and nuts and nut products may be a trigger. This means that exposure at school may constitute a risk to their health and well-being. It is not possible to guarantee that the environment will be completely free of potential hazards, however, compliance to reasonable guidelines will minimize the potential risks.

Purpose:

To provide a safe learning environment for all members of the Balaklava Primary School community.

To raise awareness of all members of the community regarding severe allergies.

Management:

The Nut and Sesame Aware policy will be managed by:

- Parents, caregivers and community members being requested NOT to send food to school that contain any nuts (especially peanuts). This included Peanut Paste, Nutella, Nougat, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanut oil, as well as foods containing nuts.
- Parents, caregivers and community members being requested NOT to send food to school that contains any sesame seeds or sesame oil. This includes bread with sesame seeds on top, hummus and foods cooked in sesame oil.
- Staff supervising eating at lunch time.
- Students being encouraged to wash hands after eating.
- Staff participating in First Aid Training, understanding and dealing with Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) as the need arises,
- Students washing hands and face before leaving for school in the case where they have eaten nut or sesame products for breakfast.
- Staff complying with the Nut and Sesame Awareness policy when cooking with students at school.

**This school acknowledges that due to food processing practices it is impractical to eliminate nuts and nut products entirely from an environment where there is food. The emphasis is therefore on raising awareness and adopting the reasonable procedures termed as 'Nut and Sesame Awareness'.*



ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is crucial. It is a requirement that children attend the school at which they are enrolled, every day the school is open and at all school activities the school requires the child to attend.

Parents have a responsibility under the Act to ensure their children attend school regularly. If a child or young person does not attend, without a 'prescribed reason' for their non-attendance or an approved exemption, their parents may be guilty of an offence.

It is vital that you communicate with us if your child is absent from school for any reason. You may notify us via phone, text, absent QR code, Seesaw or diary note. If you know about an absence in advance, please communicate with the classroom teacher or use one of the methods above.

If your child is absent and we do not have an explanation, you will receive an automated text from the school. Please respond with a reason why your child is absent. In the case that your child is ill, we ask that you inform us of their illness (some illnesses are notifiable to the school community) and ask you keep them home for at least 24 hours (48 hours preferably) after their last symptom. This helps to halt the spread of illness throughout the school.

If planning a family holiday or similar within a school term which will see your child away for a week or more, please see Admin staff for an exemption form. This is a requirement and must be approved by the Principal prior to the holiday.

If a student arrives at school late (after the 8:45am bell) the child or their accompanying adult needs to sign in at the Front Office. The child will be required to give the classroom teacher the written slip they receive from Admin staff when they sign in.

Children departing early must be signed out at the Front Office by their accompanying adult. Our front office staff can assist with this.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to school, please speak with the classroom teacher, Cherie Cleary or Dianna Jarman so that we can assist.

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but.....

If your child misses....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 years</u>	Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 Days	8 weeks	Over <u>2.5 years</u>	Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 Days	16 weeks per year	Over <u>5 years</u>	Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <u>8 years</u>	Equal to finishing at grade 4

BOOKCLUB

Issue 1 2026 was sent home at the end of Week 1.
Orders close 9th Feb.

ISSUE 1
2026

Book Club

SCHOLASTIC

ORDER BY
DATE BACK BY:
9 FEB 2026

NEW! **Bad Guys**
Based on the hit film, this hilarious picture book features the bad guys who are the heroes!
\$8

NEW! **Puppy**
A puppy gets the book of her cat's name, but she can't read it. Can she find out what the cat's name is?
\$10 SAVE 44%

NEW! **Am I a Boy or a Girl?**
A boy and a girl are stuck in a room with a boy and a girl. Can they figure out who they are?
\$10 SAVE 45%

NEW! **Forever**
Ella is running for school captain but the most beautiful boy in school is running against her.
\$10 SAVE 47%

NEW! **Bright Star**
The BRTs sign up for a school talent show. Can they win?
\$10 SAVE 41%

NEW! **Happy Barry Capybara**
Happy Barry Capybara is back with a new adventure.
\$10 HALF PRICE

NEW! **Happy Barry Capybara**
Happy Barry Capybara is back with a new adventure.
\$10 HALF PRICE

NEW! **Pizza 100**
A pizza is 100 different things.
\$8

NEW! **Sleepover**
A girl goes to a sleepover with her friends. Can they have a great time?
\$10 SAVE 41%

NEW! **Dragon Girls**
A girl and a dragon are stuck in a room. Can they figure out who they are?
\$10 HALF PRICE

NEW! **Cookie Club**
Everyone is going to Chessington's video game club.
\$11 SAVE 48%

NEW! **School Rules**
Ella is running for school captain but the most beautiful boy in school is running against her.
\$10 SAVE 47%

NEW! **Happy Barry Capybara**
Happy Barry Capybara is back with a new adventure.
\$10 HALF PRICE

GET UP TO 3 FREE BOOKS
When you order on this issue, you'll receive 3 free books for your child.

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Healthy reading habits are forged through Book Club. Parents can order books easily through the Scholastic LOOP platform.

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- 3 Click the ORDER tab, and select the child's school and issue of Book Club
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- 5 Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
- 6 Apply promotional codes that children may have earned from previous issues
- 7 Make a payment via credit card
- 8 Feel great about the Scholastic Rewards that have been earned for the school



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Balaklava Primary School

Term 1 Crossing Roster



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MONDAY

MILLAH R

8:25am

SAGE F

8:45am

DP

TUESDAY

OLIVIA L

HARPER MC

JO
MICHALANNEY

WEDNESDAY

PATRICK P

DECLAN M

DIANNA
JARMAN

THURSDAY

BRADLEY K

ALFIE S

DIANNA
JARMAN

FRIDAY

PRUDENCE W

GEORGIA M

DIANNA
JARMAN

CHLOE M

3:05pm

REMY H

3:20pm

JAMESON Z

ARCHER W

DIANNA
JARMAN

LANS H

WYATT S

DIANNA
JARMAN

EVA M

INDI H

DIANNA
JARMAN

TIM B

FLETCHER R

DIANNA
JARMAN

Reserves: TBA :

If you are unable to do your crossing duty, please swap with someone else or ask a reserve. Please let Mrs Jarman or DP know when you have swapped.



Meet the Staff AT

WELCOME NIGHT

Tuesday 10th February

Classrooms open from 5:30pm - 6:15pm



Available to
purchase

FREE BBQ ~ 5:45pm - 6:30pm

SRC will be selling drinks and ice creams / blocks

This is a fantastic opportunity to make connections with your child's classroom teacher, specialist teachers and other families as well as look around the School.

Teachers will be available for informal conversations and to answer general questions.

For specific questions about your child, please book a 1:1 meeting with the teacher for another time.

We strongly encourage our School Community to attend.

BE SAFE

BE KIND

BE YOUR BEST



Welcome Night is designed to provide a welcoming and informative experience for both students and their families.

The main purposes include:

Showcase BPS Learning Spaces: It offers an opportunity for students to give their families a tour of the classrooms, learning environments, and facilities, helping them understand where and how learning will take place.

To meet Staff: Families can meet staff, fostering a sense of community and connection at the start of the school year.

The event also helps to build relationships between families and the school, ensuring a supportive environment for students throughout the year.



BE SAFE

BE KIND

BE YOUR BEST

Community News











NETBALL

Registrations NOW OPEN!

**REGISTRATIONS FOR
THE 2026 SEASON
ARE NOW OPEN**

**SENIORS - \$175
JUNIORS- \$125**

Please note:
Registration close dates
SENIORS - Friday, 13 Feb
*Must be registered
to trial*
JUNIORS -
Saturday, 28 Feb

SPORTS VOUCHERS
Must be sent to
balaknetball@gmail.com
NOT claimed online.

NET SET PROGRAM
Net Set registration to
come. Program runs
in Term 2.










FOOTBALL

Registrations NOW OPEN!

**REGISTRATIONS FOR
THE 2026 SEASON
ARE NOW OPEN**

**SENIOR EARLY BIRD - \$160
SENIOR - \$180
JUNIOR - \$100**

Please note: Excludes SANFL fee

EARLY BIRD PRICE
Valid until March 15

SPORTS VOUCHERS
Are to be claimed
online through
Play HQ

GAWLER & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION



GDNA WINTER NETBALL

THURSDAY NIGHTS

Commencing April 2026
Juniors, seniors, boys, 9U-program



South Australian
**Country
Fire Service**

Balaklava Cadets



Your town needs you!!!



Balaklava Cadet Program - 2026 - Term 1- Mondays

If you are aged 11 to 17 years old, then your local CFS needs you!
Training is fortnightly during the school Term, from 5pm to 6.15pm.

Learn all things firefighting, give back to your Community, earn
SACE points, and receive free Uniform



For more information:
E: secretary@gawlernetball.com.au

★ FUN FACT:

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



TERM 1 PLANNER

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	26/1 PUBLIC HOLIDAY Australia Day	27/1 Term 1 Begins	28/1	29/1	30/1
2	2/2 Newsletter	3/2	4/2	5/2	6/2 Assembly
3	9/2	10/2 WELCOME NIGHT	11/2	12/2 Newsletter	13/2
4	16/2	17/2 MONDAY TO FRIDAY SWIMMING LESSONS R-YR5 MONDAY TO THURSDAY YR6 AQUATICS CAMP	18/2	19/2	20/2 Assembly
5	23/2	24/2 MONDAY TO FRIDAY SWIMMING LESSONS R-YR5	25/2	26/2 Newsletter	27/2
6	2/3 Year 1 Numeracy Check begins	3/3 GOV COUNCIL AGM	4/3	5/3	6/3 Assembly
7	9/3 PUBLIC HOLIDAY Adelaide Cup	10/3	11/3	12/3 Newsletter	13/3
8	16/3	17/3 SCHOOL PHOTOS	18/3	19/3	20/3 Assembly
9	23/3 Interview Week	24/3 Pre Sports Day Events	25/3	26/3 Newsletter	27/3
10	30/3	31/3	1/4	2/4	3/4 PUBLIC HOLIDAY Good Friday
11	6/4 PUBLIC HOLIDAY Easter Monday	7/4	8/4	9/4 Newsletter	10/4 End of Term 1 Early Dismissal of 2:10pm

	Assemblies		Student Free Days
	Meetings		Excursions/Camps
	SAPSASA		Cultural Dates