

# BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*Our School Leaders paid their respects at the Dawn Service in Balaklava on ANZAC Day.*



*Balaklava Primary School acknowledges that we are meeting on the Traditional Land of the Kurna people we recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs, and relationship with Country. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the continued importance of the relationship of country to the Kurna people living today. We promise to look after all the living creatures and plant life whose survival depends on the water, air and environment of Kurna Country.*

## IMPORTANT DATES

### MAY

7th Tennis

8th Community Assembly  
- 2:15pm for 2:20pm  
start - OSU Well  
(Library)

11th Cross Country @  
Burra

12th Finance Meeting  
Governing Council

14th Tennis

21st Tennis

22nd Community Assembly  
- 2:15pm for 2:20pm  
start - OSU Well  
(Library)

28th Tennis

**29th SPORTS DAY**

### Community Assembly

Term 2 - Fridays  
Week 2, 4, 6 & 8

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

**ALL WELCOME**



# From the Principal Dianna Jarman

Welcome back to Term 2. We have had nine new students join our school this week, and we warmly welcome them and their families to our community.

We also extend a warm welcome to Hayley, who has joined our staff team. Hayley will be working on Thursdays and Fridays, supporting students in her role as an ancillary staff member.



During the holidays, Anastasia and Brodie were given opportunities to pursue additional hours in roles outside of Balaklava. These are fantastic opportunities for both Anastasia and Brodie. We wish them well as they undertake their new roles and thank them for their time at BPS.

## Student Desks

Over the holiday break, Room 14 received new student desks. As a result, we now have a number of desks that are surplus to our needs.

We are offering these desks as **“give away”**—please feel welcome to come to the school and collect one (or more) if you would like. Desks will not be held, so it will be first in, best dressed.

The desks are located under the BER shelter.



## ANZAC Day

Congratulations and thank you to Patrick, Lans, Lacey and Lucy, who proudly represented our school at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service in Balaklava. Thank you also to the staff members who supported our student leaders, both in the lead-up to the day and on ANZAC Day itself. Last year, while working in Room 20, Kym Merchant wrote a description to help our students understand the meaning of ANZAC Day. Look on our Facebook page to see the whole story. We are so very fortunate to have educators who create meaningful opportunities for students to connect with their learning.



## Thank you

Over the holiday break, under the guidance of Jo Michalanney, the Ninja Playground softfall was removed and the ground excavated to ensure new softfall could be installed to a depth of 300mm, which is the required standard for school playgrounds. This was a significant task and took two weeks to complete.

# Thank You

Thank you to Jo, Billie, Chris, Jarrad, Kerry, Keith, Grant Fisher, and the Sutton, May, Carr and Wright families. This project would not have been possible without your support.

## Duty of Care

Please be reminded that students are not to be on site prior to 8:25am and should leave the site by 3:20pm, as these are the times that yard duty begins and ends.

If these times present a challenge for your family, please contact BCCC to discuss Before and After School Care options.



## Term Overviews

This week, you will receive a Term Overview via SeeSaw from your child’s class teacher. Specialist Overviews will be sent home via EdSmart early next week.

The purpose of the overview is to provide families with a clear understanding of the broad content to be covered throughout the term, as well as to highlight important dates and the best way to contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions or would like to discuss your child’s learning and/or wellbeing. A timetable will also be included, outlining when classes attend specialist lessons—PE, Auslan, Arts and Science. We provide this as we know many families like to help prepare their children for days when they have a range of teachers.

Please note that the specialist timetable is subject to change, often at short notice, due to the flexible nature of schools. For example, if a teacher is absent and we are unable to find a Temporary Relief Teacher, the timetable may be adjusted to accommodate the impacted class. Similarly, on days when staff are attending events such as SAPSASA, adjustments are made as required.

These changes provide valuable opportunities for us to support students in developing resilience and strategies to cope when things do not go as expected.

# Just to let you know

We are still waiting on School Photo proofs to come through, so once we have them and a time frame on when we will receive schools photo we will be sure to let you know.



# Thank You to our Amazing Volunteers!

A huge thank you to Keith Penhall, Leigh Wright with Cjay, Nash and Jett, Lucy and Jason Sutton, Amy and Nick May, Jarrad Sieboth, Kerry Michalanney and Charlie, Georgia, Zoe and Emma for lending a hand today with Grant from Waratah Earthworxs. Your efforts in helping us dig out our Ninja course to ensure playground compliance and safety were outstanding! We are so grateful for your hard work and commitment to making our school grounds safer and better for everyone.



Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Wellbeing and Engagement Collection survey**

Our students will take part in the **Wellbeing and Engagement Collection (WEC) survey**. The survey will open during **Weeks 2 to 5 of Term 2 (Monday 4 May to Friday 29 May 2026)**.

**Purpose of the survey**

Young people's wellbeing is an important part of how they learn at school. The survey seeks students' views about their wellbeing and their engagement with school.

Students in years 4 to 12 across the state will be invited to participate. The information collected will help the education system and the broader community better support young people's health and wellbeing.

**What is the survey about?**

The survey asks students about their social and emotional wellbeing, school relationships, engagement and learning at school, physical health and wellbeing and after school activities.

**How will students complete the survey?**

Teachers will arrange for students to complete the survey during class time. Students will be asked if they would like to participate and are free to withdraw at any time.

***If you do not want your child to participate, please contact the school as soon as possible after receiving this letter.***

**Will students' information be kept confidential?**

Student responses will be kept confidential. School staff will not have access to individual responses.

Survey results will not be provided to participating schools with fewer than five students completing the survey to maintain confidentiality.

**What will happen if a student is distressed during or after the survey?**

The survey includes some questions on topics such as student happiness and bullying.

Teachers will inform students that:

- if they find the survey uncomfortable or distressing, they should exit the survey immediately
- participation in the survey is not compulsory
- students can skip any question they do not wish to answer.

Students who would like to speak to an adult about any concerns will be supported to do so.

**Where can I get more information?**

More information on the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection can be found at [Wellbeing and engagement collection overview and results](#) or can be collected from the school.

For questions or concerns, or to view the questions, please email: [Education.WECSA@sa.gov.au](mailto:Education.WECSA@sa.gov.au)

Sincerely

**PRINCIPAL**



# Balaklava Primary School

## Term 2 Crossing Roster



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:25am	FLETCHER R	FLETCHER R	PRUDENCE W	PATRICK P	GEORGIA M
8:45am	ARCHER W	ARCHER W	FRED L	DECLAN M	SAGE F
	BILLIE WILLETT	BILLIE WILLETT	DIANNA JARMAN	BILLIE WILLETT	DIANNA JARMAN
3:05pm	CHLOE M	WYATT S	SAGE F	EVAM	TIM B
3:20pm	HELP NEEDED	REMY H	PRUDENCE W	LILLY W	INDI H
	DIANNA JARMAN	BILLIE WILLETT	BILLIE WILLETT	DIANNA JARMAN	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. DON'T FORGET YOUR HAT!

*Be Safe, Be Kind, Be your Best*

*Every learner engaged, stretched and achieving.*

We are still seeking a student to volunteer Monday Afternoons. If your child is 10 years or older, completed the training last year and is interested, please text the school mobile on 0428026285. Thank you to those who have volunteered for Term 2!

# Well Done Georgia



On ANZAC Day, BPS student Georgia was honoured to pay respect, and remember those who have sacrificed for us and our country, by singing beautifully alongside the other children in the South Australian Public Primary Schools Choir at the Adelaide Dawn Service.



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# Ber 1 - Newsletter Item

Ber 1 & Ber 3 children really enjoyed the experience of seeing reptiles and mammals when Animals Anonymous visited in the last week of Term 1.





# SITE LEARNING PLAN - 2026



Our focus this year is helping children know what to do when they don't know what to do. We are building a toolbox of practical strategies students can use in everyday learning. Each newsletter will share simple strategies and tips you can also use at home.

## Fortnight Focus: "Have a Go"

We are building a culture where:

- Effort is safe and expected
- Mistakes are part of learning
- Trying is more important than being right the first time

If students think mistakes = *failure*, they avoid trying.

If students think mistakes = *learning*, they opt in.

## How We Teach This at School

**Value Effort** - We praise the process, not just the answer: "*You stuck with that—that's what good learners do.*"

**Model Learning** - Teachers show students how to:

- Try something new
- Make mistakes
- Adjust and try again

## Get the Challenge Right

- Not too easy
- Not too hard
- Just right

## Supports we use:

- Sentence starters
- Worked examples
- Checklists

## Low-Stakes Ways to Try

Students practise "*having a go*" through:

- Think-pair-share (or talk with family at home)
- Writing on scrap paper or whiteboards
- Drafting before publishing
- "Try one way" tasks

## What to Do When Stuck

We teach students a simple strategy:

1. Read it again
2. Try something (anything!)
3. Ask a partner
4. Ask an adult

## How You Can Help at Home

It's natural to want to jump in quickly—but try to:

- Give wait time
- Encourage first
- Support after they've tried

Avoid over-helping, as it can send the message: "You can't do this" instead of "You're learning."





# SITE LEARNING PLAN - 2026



## What You Might Notice

### *In Their Actions:*

- Starting tasks more quickly
- Attempting answers even if unsure
- Crossing out, editing, retrying
- Sticking with tasks longer
- Using supports independently

### *In Their Language:*

- “I’ll try...”
- “Maybe...”
- “That didn’t work—I’ll try another way”
- Asking: “Am I on the right track?”

### *In the Classroom:*

- Mistakes are shared openly
- Different strategies are celebrated
- Students encourage each other
- Less “I can’t do it” before trying

## Building a Toolbox for Life

Over time, students will develop a toolbox of strategies to help them tackle challenges with confidence.

Questions? *Please contact your child’s class teacher.*

**Jo Michalanney**





BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Mother's Day Stall

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
(Week 2)

Lunch time in the OSU Well

*Let's celebrate all the incredible Moms  
and Mother figures in our lives!*



BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Payments

Payments can be made by:

- Cash
- Eftpos – on day or via phone
- Vouchers - which can be purchased via QKR

## Phone Ordering

Mother's Day gifts can be purchased over the phone and paid by eft or credit card.  
Please phone the office team.

- 8:30am – 3:00pm Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May
- 8:30am – 11:00am Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

We can keep purchased gifts at school for collection or can arrange a school bus  
delivery for those families whose children normally catch a bus.

Please note: Early phone orders will not be accepted. Stock is limited and will not be  
held without payment being made.

## QKR Ordering

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

## Volunteers

If you are available to help out on one of the stall days, please get in contact with  
Balaklava Primary School Volunteers facebook page.



# Gifts under \$5.00



Cards - \$1.00  
Gift Bags - \$2.00



Bling Pen - \$2.00



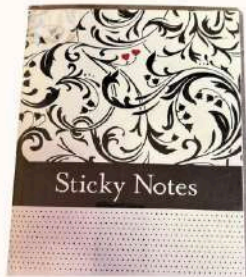
Grandmother Magnet - \$2.00



Tech Topper decal - \$2.00



Pocket quotes - \$2.00



Sticky Notes - \$2.00



Sign - \$3.00

# Gifts under \$5.00



Tin Sign - \$3.00



Tassel Keyrings - \$3  
Rubber Keyrings - \$2.50



Reusable Shopping Bag -  
\$3.50



Sports Towel - \$3.50



Travel Manicure Set - \$4.00  
Hand Cream & Nail File - \$3.00



Candle - \$4.00  
Socks - \$4.00  
Sleep Mask - \$4.00

Please note: some items have limited stock

# Gifts \$5.00 & under



Mum Coupons - \$4.00



Mum Bracelet - \$4.00



Blossom Cosmetic Bag - \$4.50



Deluxe Fragrance Diffuser - \$5.00



1L Water Bottle - \$5.00



Photo Frame - \$5.00

# Gifts \$5.00 and over



Seed Pots - \$5.00



Oil & Rattan Diffuser - \$5.00



Stemless Wine Glass - \$5.00



Stemless Wine Glsss - \$5.00  
Coffee Mug - \$6.00



Water bottle infuser - \$6.00



Snack on the go: Fork - \$6.00

Please note: some items have limited stock

# Gifts \$5.00 and over



Garden Tools - \$7.00



Travel Cup - \$8



Beach Bag - \$8.00



Water Bottle - \$10.00



Hydration Waterbottle - \$10.00

# Community News



## Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops



saverplus.org.au  
1300 610 355



## Could \$500 help pay for school camp fees or upcoming excursions?

Join Saver Plus, Australia's longest running financial education and matched savings program. Saver Plus is a free program that has supported over 68,000 people to develop lifelong savings habits and receive up to \$500 to assist with education costs.

### What is Saver Plus?

A free 10-month program that helps you save for your own or your children's education.

- Build lasting savings habits
- Be better prepared for unexpected expenses
- Stay in control
- Improve personal wellbeing

### Who can join?

To be eligible for Saver Plus, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- Have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Receive an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment\*
- Be studying yourself or have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- Have regular income from work (you or your partner)
- Be 18+ years old

\*Many income types and Centrelink payments may qualify. Not sure if you qualify? Use the enquiry form and a Saver Coach will reach out to you.

### The Smith Family

is delivering Saver Plus

To support families at

ALL SA Schools

**ENQUIRE NOW**



Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Department of Social Services and is delivered in partnership with The Smith Family, and Berry Street. It is funded by ANZ and the Department of Social Services.

To confidentially find out more, call Saver Plus or fill out the enquiry form in the link.

1300 610 355 [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)



You and your friends are invited to

## Mothers (and others!) Day @ The Gallery at Balaklava Courthouse Gallery

Friday May 8, from 10 am to 4:30 pm

Bring your mum and your friends anytime during the day to enjoy a plate of delicious savoury & sweet treats and a bottomless cup of tea or coffee. \$10.00 per person



Includes free entry to 'Seeing in Black & White' an exhibition of beautiful pencil drawings by talented emerging local artist Tia Burr



Balaklava Courthouse Gallery & Gift Shop  
6 Edith Terrace, Balaklava SA  
Enquiries: 0895 698 798



You are invited to:

## Mother's Day Author Talk & Morning Tea with Michelle Prak

Free Event

Hosted by Balaklava Community Library  
Books available to purchase from One More Page

Wednesday 6th May 2026  
10:30am to 12:00pm

Hear all about Balancing Writing with Motherhood



Bookings Essential  
<https://www.trybooking.com/DKGTE>



# TERM 2 PLANNER

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>1</b>	<b>27/4</b> Term 2 Begins	<b>28/4</b>	<b>29/4</b>	<b>30/4</b> Newsletter Winter HUB @ Blyth - Football & Netball	<b>1/5</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>4/5</b>	<b>5/5</b>	<b>6/5</b>	<b>7/5</b> Tennis	<b>8/5</b> Community Assembly - 2:20pm
<b>3</b>	<b>11/5</b> Cross Country @ Burra	<b>12/5</b> Gov Council	<b>13/5</b>	<b>14/5</b> Tennis  Newsletter	<b>15/5</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>18/5</b>	<b>19/5</b>	<b>20/5</b>	<b>21/5</b> Tennis	<b>22/5</b> Community Assembly - 2:20pm
<b>5</b>	<b>25/5</b>	<b>26/5</b>	<b>27/5</b> Reconciliation Week	<b>28/5</b> Tennis  Newsletter	<b>29/5</b> <b>SPORTS DAY</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>1/6</b> Reconciliation Week	<b>2/6</b>	<b>3/6</b> Wear it yellow	<b>4/6</b> RAA Street Smart BCCC SFD	<b>5/6</b> Community As. - 2:20pm Circus Challenge performance
<b>7</b>	<b>8/6</b> PUBLIC HOLIDAY Kings Birthday	<b>9/6</b> School Closure (BHS - SFD)	<b>10/6</b>	<b>11/6</b>  Newsletter	<b>12/6</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>15/6</b>	<b>16/6</b> Gov Council	<b>17/6</b>	<b>18/6</b> RAA Street Smart	<b>19/6</b> Crossing Training Community Assembly - 2:20pm
<b>9</b>	<b>22/6</b>	<b>23/6</b>	<b>24/6</b>	<b>25/6</b>  Newsletter	<b>26/6</b> RE
<b>10</b>	<b>29/6</b>	<b>30/6</b>	<b>1/7</b> Volunteers Morning Tea	<b>2/7</b>	<b>3/7</b> End of Term 2 Early Dismissal of 2:10pm

	Assemblies		Student Free Days
	Meetings		Excursions/Camps
	SAPSASA		Cultural Dates

**SPORTS DAY -  
CHANGE OF DATE TO:  
FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY**