

BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Some of the Year 4/5's at Arbury Camp last week



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

SEPTEMBER

18th Religious Education

21st- Way to Go: Bike
25th Education

25th **Last Day of Term 3**

Casual Clothes Day -
Where's Wally Theme

**2:10pm Early
Dismissal**

OCTOBER

12th First Day of Term 4

13th Summer HUB Carnival
at Clare

21st Room 6 & 7 Zoo
Excursion

27th Governing Council
Meeting

Community Assemblies

2:15pm for 2:20pm start
OSU (Open Space Unit) Well
(Library)

ALL WELCOME



From the
Principal
Dianna Jarman



Balaklava Show

The Balaklava Show is on Saturday 26th September 2026. Balaklava Primary School run the canteen and luncheon on Show Day. This day is another one of our Major Fundraisers.

We are, **still on the lookout for volunteers to help in the canteen.** Please contact the Balaklava Primary School Volunteers Facebook page if you are able to cover a shift (or even half a shift).

There are many jobs that can be done on the canteen so if you are not so keen on handling money or serving food, we can still find a job for you. Many hands make light work. While you are visiting the show, don't forget to have a look at our student work displays in Ralli Pavilion. The Room 6 Students have been busy decorating the luncheon table runners make sure you check them out! (*A sneak peak can be found in the Newsletter*). Many of our students may have entered individual entries which will be available to view under the Grand Stand.

Please stay up to date with the latest roster on the Balaklava Primary School Volunteers Facebook Page.

Thankyou

On behalf of Long Plains Football & Netball Club we would like to Thank Balaklava Primary School for the loan of all sorts of equipment over the weekend for the local APFL & APNA Grand Final.

Festival of Music

We had some students attend the Festival of Music Concert last night, due to having to print the Newsletter earlier in the week we were unable to put in a report and photo in this weeks Newsletter but it will be in the first newsletter, next term.



Thank you - Fathers Day Stall

Thank you to the following people who helped out with the Fathers Day Stall in Week 7.

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| • Amy May | • Jess Holzberger |
| • Tori Ross | • Rhiannon Penhall |
| • Nikki McCracken | • Mel Moulds |
| • Angela Battle | • Barb Rodgers |
| • Sam Otta | • BPS Staff |

Mark your calendars

The Term 4 planner is now on the back of this Newsletter. Please note there are events being added to the term planner all the time so please keep up to date with it.



We also post a weekly overview with friendly reminders on our Balaklava Primary School Facebook page every Sunday morning.

Please mark these dates in your calendar:

- **First Day of Term 4**
Monday 12th October

STUDENT FREE DAY

Friday 13th November, Week 5

Please note Balaklava High School also have a Student Free Day so there will be **NO School Buses running.** School and Bus will return to normal on Monday 16th November.



BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

SHOW LUNCHEON

LOCATED AT THE SPORTS CLUB ROOMS

11:30AM
TO
1:30PM

\$15PP

BALAKLAVA SHOW
RALLI PARK

26TH SEPTEMBER 2026

2 COURSE MEAL
INCLUDES: CHOICE
OF DELICIOUS DELI
MEATS, OR
HANDMADE QUICHE
WITH A SELECTION
OF SALADS, AND
A HOMEMADE
DESSERT WITH TEA
OR COFFEE!

ALL FUNDS RAISED BENEFIT CURRENT AND FUTURE BPS STUDENTS

BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

SHOW CANTEEN

LOCATED AT THE SPORTS CLUB CANTEEN

8:30AM
TO
3:00PM

BALAKLAVA SHOW
RALLI PARK

26TH SEPTEMBER 2026

BACON AND EGG
SANDWICHES,
NUGGETS
AND CHIPS,
SALAD ROLLS,
HOT DOGS, DRINKS
AND MORE!

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BALAKLAVA SHOW

WE NEED YOU AT THE BALAKLAVA SHOW!

The Balaklava Show is Saturday 26th September, and Balaklava Primary School is proud to run the Show Canteen and Show Luncheon from the Sports Club Kitchen and clubrooms.

These are **major fundraisers** for our school, and they simply cannot happen without volunteers.

WHY VOLUNTEER?

Shifts are short (just 2 - 2.5 hours) so you will still have time to enjoy the Show.

Its a great way to catch up with other families and be part of the community.

Every hour volunteers help, raise vital funds for our school.

Please head to the Balaklava Primary School Volunteers Facebook Page and pop your name down for your preferred shift.

We also will be needing donations (to purchase supplies) and food donations which will be posted on the same Facebook page soon.

Let's pull together and make this year's Show a success for BPS!

Follow Balaklava Primary School Volunteers on Facebook to stay up to date!



BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

FOLLOW



RM 6 GET CREATIVE FOR THE BALAKLAVA SHOW LUNCHEON





BCCC VISIT



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OPEN MORNING



WHERE'S WALLY



MR WILSON GARDENING ADVICE



LITERACY



MRS M VISITS WITH OLLIE



SCIENCE



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN ROOM 6

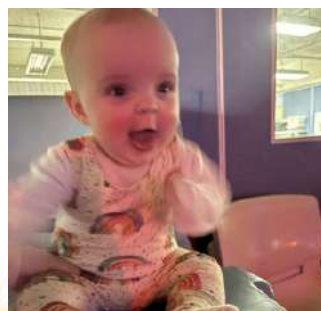


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Disco Fever



Disco Fever



**EVEN THE JUNIOR
NEWSLETTER
APPRENTICE
JOINED IN ON THE
FUN!**

RM 18 - POSITIVE DISPOSITIONS



Being Resourceful

When I was stuck on a math question I asked Sally if she could help me and she did.



Being Curious

When I was reading a book I was very curious if there was another book by the same person.

Being Creative

When I draw I am very creative and I am good at brain storming ideas.



By Ayden



At BPS we are supporting students to develop positive dispositions that help them become confident and capable learners.

Dispositions such as curiosity, resilience, creativity, collaboration, responsibility and reflection are embedded across learning areas.

Students are encouraged to ask questions, explain their thinking, learn from mistakes, try different strategies and work effectively with others.

By explicitly teaching and recognising these dispositions, we help students understand not only what they are learning, but also how they learn best.

These valuable skills support success at school and prepare students to become thoughtful, resourceful and lifelong learners. - Mrs M

I show resilience by completing a difficult task like maths or writing silently most of the time. If I get stuck and need some help I would ask three friends near me for help, if not them ask the teacher. I would not give up.

Something that was difficult today was the writing task - grammar in particular and I didn't know how to do one of the questions so I asked Indi and Charlotte B for some help and they helped me and I got the answer right.

When I am stuck with my learning I can; ask two friends that were near me for some help and if they don't know how to do it I could try to do it again and if I can't do it I would of ask a teacher or an SSO for some help.

I kept myself moving forward by trying and not giving up which is something that I'm not used to doing. I would use my brain to figure it out.



Charlotte L

RESOURCEFUL LEARNER

Safwan

What tool, person or information helped you today?

I asked Stacey for help with literacy to explain questions to me.

Why did you choose that resource?

I chose Stacey because I wasn't understanding the task and she explained it to me.

What could you use next time before asking an adult. Next time, I could use my notes, work book, or ask a classmate for help before asking the adults.



Resilient

I showed resilience when I was doing a spelling sheet that was really hard. But I kept trying and when I was going to give up I asked a friend for help.



By Declan

Resilience	Resourceful	Reflective
I show resilience when I am playing football and I lose. I will go home and practice football in my yard to get better at footy	I show resourcefulness in maths when I am doing my times tables - I go to the teacher or friends and ask for some help. I might use a calculator or my maths book cover to answer a question. I end up getting the question right.	I show reflectiveness by asking for some help when I am doing writing and I will write 4 paragraphs and the teacher will tell me what I can improve on ready for my next writing task.

RM 18 - POSITIVE DISPOSITIONS



Resilient Learner

Name: Levi



What was difficult or challenging today?

Literacy was hard because it was punctuation and grammar.

Which strategy did you try first?

What did you try next?

I asked a friend for help to read the question.

Next I asked the adults for help understanding the question.

How do you keep your yourself moving forward?

I asked for help to keep moving forward, I could skip a question and try again later, I could just have a go.



Resilient learner



I showed resilience in math's when Mrs M asked us to do an algebra task that was really hard. I kept trying until I had a answer. Other strategies I could use include ask a friend use a calculator and try to draw the problem.




Resilience: I show resilience during math whenever there's a difficult question. I got stuck in 300MAS because I forgot what the letters stand for so I wrote it down in the back of my book.

Tool box:

- Re-read the question in case I missed something
- Ask for someone to explain the question to me
- Write it down so I remember what things stand for

Resourceful: I show resourcefulness when I ask for help from a peer when I get stuck on a difficult question.

Tool box:

- Ask a teacher or a friend

Reflective: I reflect on my mistakes to help answer future questions. I went to the front of my math's book to re-think a wrong answer which helped me work out the right answer. When I hand up my writing task each week my teacher provides feedback on what I did well and what I can improve. I reflect on feedback from my teacher and use it to improve my work for the following weeks writing task.

Tool box:

- Re-read past feedback to find out the answer

Curious: I am curious during science, when we do investigations especially the really bread experiments.

Tool box:

- Ask questions that I want to know the answers to

-Indi

BE RESILIENT!

A difficult thing today was doing my grammar because I didn't know what to do. In the grammar we had to fix words and put them in the correct spots.



The strategy I used was to have a drink of water and take a deep breath and ask for help.

RESILIENT

How I kept moving forward was I kept trying and trying and if it was too hard I would ask Indi for help.



Materials and services charge

Information sheet for primary school families

The State Government has committed to removing universal materials and services charges from 2027 as part of its cost-of-living measures for South Australian families. Schools will not lose under this policy. This initiative will be funded by the State Government and your school will be provided with the funding that it would have received through the universal materials and services charge. Your school will also continue to receive funding to meet the needs of students and to staff classrooms.

Legislative changes are still required before the new arrangements can take effect. This information is provided to support families to plan for 2027.

Families will not be required to pay the universal materials and services charge.

The initiative will avoid the need for primary school families to apply for school card and this will reduce administrative burden for families and the school.

Families will continue to pay for items such as uniforms, digital devices and optional excursions, as has always been the case.

Please note that the discontinuation of the universal materials and services charge applies with effect from the 2027 school year. Any outstanding charges should continue to be paid, and your school can work with you if there are any issues.

This initiative does not apply to international or non-resident students and separate advice will be provided in due course.

The focus of this policy is for schools. The current fee arrangements for preschools will continue.

Should you have any queries regarding the information provided, please contact the department on 1800 088 158 (free call).

YEAR 3 SLEEPOVER

THURSDAY 10TH SEP

Lots of fun was had after school with games played and a delicious dinner. The students were tucked up in their beds and watched a movie, to fall asleep to. Thank you BPS Staff.



YEAR 4/5 ARBURY PARK CAMP

The Year 4/5 students started their camp off with a hike into Arbury Park from Bridgewater and they barely stopped walking after. They learned about Arbury Park's school values, visited the surrounding forests to connect with the environment, and did a camp site wide scavenger hunt.

On day 2 students participated in small groups activities like team building, shelter building and freshwater life where they used microscopes to look at creatures from the creek.

Students then had a choice of hiking 3 hours to Mt George (6km) or doing an onsite orientation activity and earth art. Everyone enjoyed themselves! They finished off day 2 with playing trivia pursuit.



YEAR 4/5 ARBURY PARK CAMP



IT'S SHOWTIME AT THE CANTEEN

To celebrate, the Balaklava Schools Canteen will be offering a special show bag treat exclusively to BPS students.

EACH SHOW BAG INCLUDES:

GLUTEN FREE
OPTION
AVAILABLE

4x Nuggets

1x Juice Box

Your choice of
Choc Chip Cookie

or

Donut Balls

A special little show bag!

SHOW
BAG

OR

YOUR CHOICE OF
DONUT BALLS OR
CHOC CHIP COOKIE

\$5
EACH

SHOWBAGS ARE AVAILABLE
THROUGHOUT WEEK 9.

ORDER VIA THE ORDER SLIP OR QKR! APP

Qkr!

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BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

10 CHRISTMAS

Hamper Raffle



Each student is being asked to donate one item towards their class hamper to be raffled and drawn at the

End of Year Concert

MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2026

To give you time in the holidays - Donations of: Christmas Decorations, cans and jars of food, sweets, stationary, small gifts etc may be included. (Note: No second hand goods please)

We would appreciate each student donating one item towards their class hamper.

Donations can be brought in from anytime now during the school hours.

\$1 PER TICKET

Win a wonderful surprise just in time for the christmas celebrations!

Booklets of tickets will either be sent out by the end of Term 3 or at the start of Term 4.

Tickets (sold and unsold) must be returned to the school with any money no later then Friday 4th Dec, Week 8.





END OF YEAR CONCERT WONDERS DOWN UNDER

AUSSIE ICONS ON ADVENTURE

CONCERT COSTUME LIST

ROOM 6

60s hippy type costumes

ROOM 7

An INXS theme - effortlessly cool
80s/90s rock: all black, leather, denim,
boots, sunglasses, silver jewellery and
rockstar energy.

BER 1

Bright coloured tops / t-shirts and
sunglasses (named please)

BER 3

Each individual student has an Australian
animal to dress up as.

BER 4

We will have 4 groups. One group will
require flippers, snorkel and swim wear, one
camping clothes, one swimwear and the last
sporting team colours. We will make up
groups with what the students already have
so no need to buy anything.

ROOM 1

Casual clothes - we will source from
what everyone has got. No need to buy
anything

ROOM 2

Rock band vibes, denim, white singlets
etc.

ROOM 14

Cricket whites or plain shirt and shorts
with thongs

ROOM 18

A note has been sent via Seesaw or ask
your child

ROOM 20

Casual clothes - we will source any
costumes from what everyone has got.
No need to buy anything



MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER



At Balaklava Primary School, we are developing students who know what to do when they don't know what to do.

During Weeks 9 and 10, our learning disposition is **Self-aware**, with a focus on **Self-questioning**.

Self-aware learners ask themselves thoughtful questions while learning. By asking the right questions, students can monitor their understanding, problem-solve, choose helpful strategies and take charge of their learning.

Great learners don't just get answers – they ask great questions!

STUDENTS WILL USE SELF-QUESTIONING BY ASKING:



How do I know?

Check my understanding and look for evidence.



What else could I try?

Think of different strategies or ideas.



What is my next step?

Plan what to do and where to go next.



Which strategy helped the most?

Reflect on what worked best and why.

WHAT WE ARE STRIVING FOR AT SCHOOL



WE WILL SEE:

- Students asking themselves questions while learning.
- Learners monitoring their understanding.
- Students trying different strategies.
- Children reflecting on what helped them.
- Increased independence and confidence in solving problems.



WE WILL HEAR:

- "How do I know this is right?"
- "What else could I try?"
- "My next step is..."
- "That strategy helped the most" because..."
- "I can do this!"



WHAT DOES SELF-QUESTIONING SOUND LIKE?



TEACHERS MIGHT SAY:

- "What makes you think that?"
- "What other strategies could you use?"
- "How can you find out?"
- "What is your next step?"
- "Which strategy helped you the most and why?"



STUDENTS MIGHT SAY:

- "I know because..."
- "Maybe I could try..."
- "I'll check..."
- "My next step is to..."
- "The strategy that helped most was..."

WHY SELF-QUESTIONING MATTERS



When students self-question:

- ✓ they think deeply
- ✓ they monitor understanding
- ✓ they make better choices
- ✓ they become independent
- ✓ they solve problems effectively
- ✓ they build confidence
- ✓ they take ownership of their learning



Self-questioning turns learners into thinkers!
Think it. Question it. Own it.

HOW FAMILIES CAN SUPPORT AT HOME



ASK SELF-QUESTIONING QUESTIONS

- How do you know?
- What else could you try?
- What is your next step?
- Which strategy helped the most?



ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE

Give your child time to think, try and solve problems before offering help.



CELEBRATE THINKING

- Praise your child for:
- asking questions
 - trying different strategies
 - reflecting on what worked
 - taking the next step



BE A LEARNING PARTNER

Talk about problems, share ideas and model asking questions in everyday situations.

WHAT YOU MIGHT NOTICE AT HOME



YOU MAY SEE:

- Your child thinking before acting.
- Children trying different strategies.
- More independence with tasks.
- Your child planning next steps.
- Increased confidence when facing challenges.



YOU MAY HEAR:

- "How do I know this is right?"
- "What else could I try?"
- "My next step is..."
- "I'll use that strategy again next time."
- "I can work this out!"



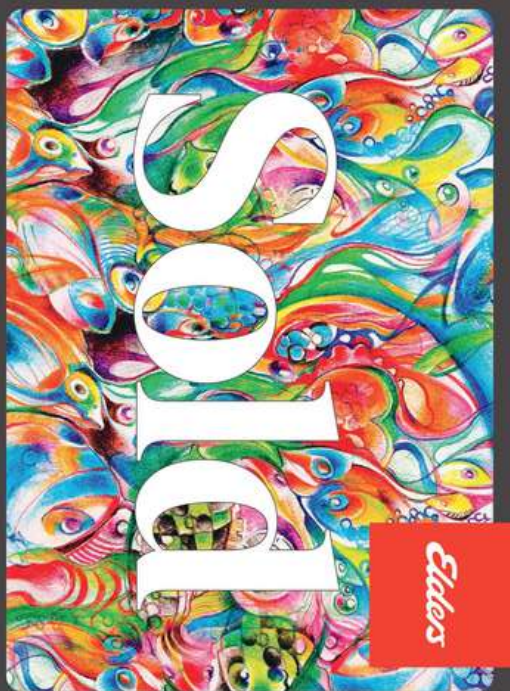
★ Our Shared Goal ★

At Balaklava Primary School, we are developing Self-aware Learners who ask thoughtful questions, choose strategies that work best, and take charge of their learning.

Together, we are building confident, independent learners who know what to do when they don't know what to do.



Community News



Colour it Sold!

Elders Clare Valley/ Balaklava is running a colouring in competition for three creative people to have their art printed as sold stickers and placed on our sold properties!

Collect your colouring in sheet from the Elders Real Estate Balaklava office at 13 Edith Terrace, Balaklava for your chance to have your art displayed in the community. This competition is open to all ages. All entries must be handed in to the Elders Real Estate Clare/ Balaklava office by 5:00pm on Wednesday 30th September, 2026.

Elders Clare Valley/ Balaklava

Terms and Conditions apply. The competition will run from Thursday 9th September, 2026, to Thursday 30th September, 2026. All entries must be received by 5:00pm on Wednesday 30th September, 2026. Winners announced on Friday 2nd October, 2026 with their names being printed as sold stickers for future use. The competition is open to all ages. All entries must be handed in to the Elders Real Estate Clare/ Balaklava office by 5:00pm on Wednesday 30th September, 2026.



Build lifelong,
life-changing
savings habits
AND
find out how **ANZ**
will double your
savings, up to \$500

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street Yooralla. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services, learn more at saverplus.org.au

Saver Plus Information Sessions

Would you like to know more about the Saver Plus program?

Join us for an information session to hear more about joining or ask any questions you may have.

Eligibility criteria apply, to find out more visit
<https://saverplus.org.au/>

Register via link
Register Here
or via QR Code



School Holiday Reset for Adults

A Taste of Bowen

by Shirley

at Balaklava Community Library
Respond Relax Reset Restore

Bowen Therapy is a natural healing therapy where the therapist does gentle moves over trigger points of the body, so the body can relax and respond, then repair itself in its own time where needed. Experience A Taste of Bowen in this mini group session.

Monday
28th
September
2026

Cost:
\$10

Session 1:
10:00am
to 11:00am

Session 2:
11:30am
to 12:30pm



Book Online



Contact Us
0438 066 006

Booking Link

<https://www.trybooking.com/DPW00>

saverplus.org.au
1300 610 355

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TERM 4 PLANNER

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	12/10	13/10 Summer HUB Carnival - Clare	14/10	15/10 <i>Newsletter</i>	16/10
2	19/10	20/10	21/10 Rm 6 & 7 Zoo Excursion 	22/10	23/10 Community Assembly - 2:20pm start
3	26/10	27/10 <i>Governing Council Meeting</i>	28/10	29/10 <i>Newsletter</i>	30/10
4	2/11	3/11	4/11 Childrens Uni Graduation 	5/11	6/11 COLOUR RUN  Community Assembly - 2:20pm start
5	9/11	10/11 Kindy Transition Parent Mtg 1:30pm	11/11 <i>Bus Meeting</i>	12/11 <i>Newsletter</i>	13/11 STUDENT FREE DAY (BPS & BHS)
6	16/11	17/11	18/11 Rec Transition till 11am <i>Grounds Meeting</i>	19/11	20/11 RE
7	23/11	24/11 <i>Governing Council Meeting</i>	25/11 Rec Transition till 1:30pm	26/11 <i>Newsletter</i>	27/11 JAM Band Performance
8	30/11	1/12	2/12	3/12 Rec Transition Full Day	4/12 Community Assembly - 2:20pm start Yr 6 Excursion: Beach House Yr 5 Excursion: Bounce
9	7/12 End of Year Concert from 5:30pm 	8/12	9/12 2027 Class Visits	10/12 Year 6 Graduation  <i>Newsletter</i>	11/12 End of Term 4 <i>Early Dismissal of 2:10pm</i>

	Assemblies		Student Free Days
	Meetings		Excursions/Camps
	SAPSASA		Cultural Dates



BPS End of Year Concert:
Monday 7th Dec, Week 9

Balaklava Christmas Pageant:
Friday 18th Dec