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Term 4, Week 5 ~ 12th November 2026

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BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Room 6 raised the most funds for Colour Run, so coloured Mrs Jarman from head to toe!



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

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

13th Student Free Day

18th Reception Transition till 11am

18th Grounds Meeting

20th RE

20th Didjeribone Performance

24th Finance Meeting Governing Council Meeting

25th Reception Transition till 1:30pm

27th JAM Band Performance

DECEMBER

2nd Yr 6 Excursion - Beach House

Community Assemblies
Week 7
Friday, 27th Nov
2:15pm for 2:20pm start
OSU (Open Space Unit) Well (Library)

ALL WELCOME

Government of South Australia
Department for Education



From the Principal

Dianna Jarman

What a fantastic Colour Run!

It was a joy to see our students get involved and cheer each other on. It was a wonderful whole-school event. Thank you to everyone who helped fundraise, donated, volunteered or came along to support our students on the day.

Congratulations to Millah and Lacey for all the work they put into making sure the Colour Run took place this year. They spent many hours planning and attending meetings. Their hard work and dedication to seeing the event come to life are a credit to them both. Thank you also to the committee for supporting Millah and Lacey as they worked through the logistics and organised the day.
A special thank you to the CFS crew who joined us and to our local police officers, who arrived just in time for the finale.
As a school we raised a total of $8,500.
Congratulations to Room 6 for raising the most money of any class. They well and truly got me good! You can find pictures from the day on Facebook or pages 6 - 9.

Welcome, Leah Searle

This week we welcome Leah Searle to BPS as our new Deputy Principal. Leah has hit the ground running this week, popping into classes and getting to know the staff and students. If you see Leah around the school, please stop and say hello. Please see page 3 where Leah has written an article, introducing herself.

Remembrance Day

Congratulations and thank you to Balaklava High School for joining with Balaklava Primary School to host a combined community Remembrance Day service at the Triangle. It was a wonderful service. This year, Phillipa, Evie, Leroy, Ava and Georgia shared stories about members of their families who served. This was an especially moving part of the service. It took real courage to stand up in front of the community and share those stories. They did a great job, and we are very proud of them.

Thank you to the community members who came along and joined our service.
Thank you to the staff at Balaklava High and Primary School for their organisation of this event. I am proud that we have again been able to provide a service for our community.
Students who did not attend the public service observed a minute's silence in their classrooms.
Please see page 5 for more information and photos.

Children's University Graduation

Congratulations to our 2026 Children's University graduates! I was fortunate to attend the graduation ceremony with our students last Wednesday. It was wonderful to see them receive their awards and celebrate the many hours of learning they completed outside the classroom.
Well done to each of you. You should be proud of the time you put in and the new things you tried along the way. We look forward to seeing what you choose to learn next and how many extra learning hours you can complete next year!

Please see pages 10 - 12 for further information and photos.

STUDENT FREE REMINDER

BPS & BHS have a Student Free Day on

FRIDAY 13th NOV, WEEK 5

NO School buses will be running.
School and Buses will return to normal on Monday 16th Nov, Week 6.

TOMORROW

Balaklava Eisteddfod Concert

On Sunday 25 October, I had the privilege of attending the 30th anniversary concert of the Balaklava Eisteddfod. It was a fitting celebration of 30 years of talent and of the dedication of the people who have made the Eisteddfod possible.

Our Vocal Ensemble performed two songs and, in my humble opinion, they were one of the highlights of the concert! They sang both songs beautifully and did themselves, Heidi, BPS and our community proud. Georgia May also performed spectacularly. I was so proud to see both current and former BPS students up on stage.

Congratulations to everyone involved. We are very fortunate to have an event of this calibre in our country town. Thank you to the Balaklava Eisteddfod Society for giving people in our community the opportunity to share their talents.





Hello



I'm delighted to be joining the Balaklava community. I have previously worked at Gawler East Primary School in a similar role and have experience in both metropolitan and country primary schools, large and small. I've also held leadership positions across these settings and have really enjoyed the opportunities each has offered. I have already met many students and families and thank them for their warm welcome.

My husband and I both grew up in rural communities on farms, and we love the country lifestyle. We believe it's a wonderful place to raise a family, including our own two children, who have recently finished school. Our eldest is studying teaching at university, while our son is completing an electrotechnology apprenticeship to become an electrician. We're involved with a local footy club, and our son also competes in karate at an international level.

I'm looking forward to continue to meet families and becoming part of the Balaklava school community. - Leah

Class placements for 2027!

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As we've shared over the last few newsletters, we are well and truly working through class placements for 2027. To help us make sure we have accurate enrolment information, please let us know about any changes.

- If you know a family who may be looking to enrol their child at BPS and hasn't already made contact with us, please encourage them to complete our Expression of Interest form.
- If you're moving away or your child will be moving to another school in 2027, please let us know by completing this form.

Thank you for helping us plan for next year.



Expressions of Interest to enrol at Balaklava Primary School



Intention to leave BPS in 2027

BIKE ED

For all of the last week of term 3, we were fortunate to have the Bike Ed program running for Yrs 4 – 6. Preparation for this started earlier in the term when classes received a BikeEd journal which the children had to fill out full of bike safety information and scenarios involving following road rules.

On the first Monday, a crew of 3 BikeEd instructors arrived and made an early 8:15 start checking bikes for road worthiness. There were 63 bikes brought from home to check during the morning. This involved checking gears, brakes, etc. and where adjustments were needed, the instructors became mechanics and fixed the faults. Each bike received a "Certificate of Compliance" once it was deemed roadworthy. For the few bikes that didn't pass, the children didn't miss out as the Bike Ed crew brought 18 spare bikes of various sizes with them.

The Monday and Tuesday lessons were spent focusing on road rules, wearing helmets correctly and while on their bikes, practicing looking behind and using hand signals. This culminated in the creation of a "tiny town" made up of a collection of roads with intersections set out on the basketball court using cones, give way signs and chalk arrows.

Wednesday to Friday saw the children in small groups of 5 with an instructor and teacher, go out riding around the town putting into practice the road rules that they had been learning about, such as managing roundabouts and making left or right turns at intersections.

All thoroughly enjoyed the experience, especially the few who learned to ride a bike for the first time, their smiles were enormous! ***- Kym Palka***



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Lest We Forget

Remembrance Day – Lest We Forget
On Wednesday, 11th November, students from Balaklava Primary School and Balaklava High School came together for a special Remembrance Day service in the main street of Balaklava to honour and remember all those who have served in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping missions.

As part of the service, students shared personal stories with the community about their family connections to those who had served. It was truly wonderful to hear each student's story and learn about the special ways they remember and honour their family members.

School Leaders Patrick, Lans and Lucy had the honour of laying a wreath and bowing their heads in respect, paying tribute to all those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

It was lovely to see members of our community come together, stop and listen to the students' stories and share in this important occasion.

A heartfelt thank you to Balaklava High School for joining us in this meaningful service, and to everyone in the community who took the time to attend and remember.

Lest We Forget.











BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL
COLOUR RUN





TOTAL COLOUR RUN FUNDS RAISED: $8,500!

























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Room 6 raised the most funds with a total of $1,760.69 so they coloured Mrs Jarman!






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CONGRATULATIONS

to our Children's University

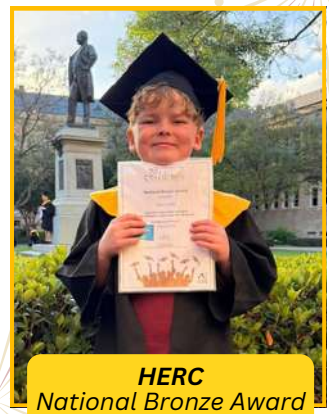
GRADUATES



MAGGIE
National Bronze Award
30 Hours



BELLA
National Bronze Award
30 Hours



HERC
National Bronze Award
30 Hours



SOPHIA
National Gold Award
100 Hours



EMMA
National Bronze Certificate
130 Hours



PIP
National Silver Certificate
165 Hours

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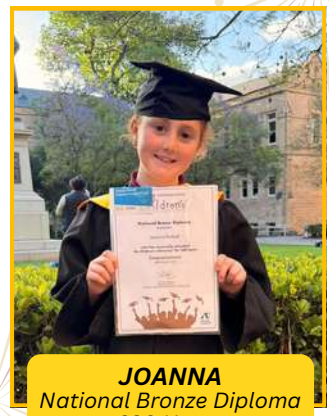
INDIANNA
National Bronze Diploma
230 Hours



KURT
National Bronze Diploma
230 Hours



JOANNA
National Bronze Diploma
230 Hours



ZOE
National Bronze Degree
330 Hours



CHARLIE
National Silver Degree
365 Hours



GEORGIA
National Gold Doctorate
900 Hours

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The Aim of Children's University:

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

How to become involved in Children's University:

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

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

For more information please get in contact with Cherie Cleary.





SAPSASA Tennis





On the 13th of October, I went Clare to play SAPSASA Tennis. When I arrived there was a quick presentation about what was going to happen, who we were playing against and who we were playing with. We all went over to Mr Bryce who told us what court we were playing on. I played doubles first with Millie we lost 4-6 but we were play well at first and were winning for the first 3 games. Then I waited for about 10 minutes untill I played my singles against Annie, who was in my SAPSASA netball team. I won 6-3. We played again 20 minutes later and won 6-love against Riverton. I waited forever so I made my mother get me subway because I was hungry. About 1 hour later I played singles again and won 7-3. The last doubles game we played was about 30 minutes after and they were really good. One of them was in my netball team and the other was in the other. The one that was in my netball team was called Hannah. She is very good no one else had won against them. As you can guess we lost 3-6. She had a really good serve. I had to wait ages for my next singles. I played the last game I just wanted to go so I really only tried for the first few games I lost 2-6. After my game was done every one gathered back where we met. Clare won and I got selected for the Adelaide team but it is when I am in Sydney so I couldn't go.- ***Lacey***







UP COMING PERFORMANCES

The Didjeribone Show - Friday 20th Week 6

This is a spectacular and engaging concert .
Tjupurru captivates students with his extraordinary live interactive performance of the "Didjeribone Show". Students contribute as he interacts with them using his Face Bass – a unique seismic sensor, to create ingenious and innovative songs and sound-scapes that blend elements of the traditional with contemporary, using a combination of masterful sequencing and sampling technologies along with traditional instruments and live organic sounds.

He was one of our students and staff favourites when he attended in 2023.





JAM Band - Friday 27th Week 7

an annual event we have that celebrates in a wonderful, fun, lively and interactive way, the close of another great year at BPS. JAM Band never fails to entertain and it is a highly anticipated activity, no one wants to miss.





For those with outstanding invoice amounts and those new to the school who are receiving invoices on enrolment, please make payment asap. If you are not sure if you have finalised these payments, please make contact with the office.

BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

10 CHRISTMAS Hampers 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

Donations of: Christmas Decorations, cans and jars of food, sweets, stationery, 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 went home at the end of Term 3. If you have sold all your tickets and would like more, please come into the Front Office.
Tickets ***(sold and unsold)*** must be returned to the school with any money no later then ***Friday 4th Dec, Week 8.***

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YOU'RE INVITED TO

BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 6 Graduation

THE CLASS OF 2026

DECEMBER

THURSDAY 10 2026

6:00 PM FOR A 6:15PM START
AT THE OSU WELL, BALAKLAVA
PRIMARY SCHOOL.

RSVP: DEC 1ST TO BPS 0428 026 285,
ATTENTION JO MICHALANNEY.

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

PRE-SHOW STARTS AT 5:30PM

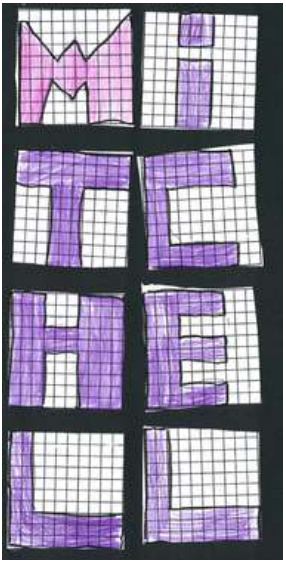
Maths Meets Art – Fraction Name Art!

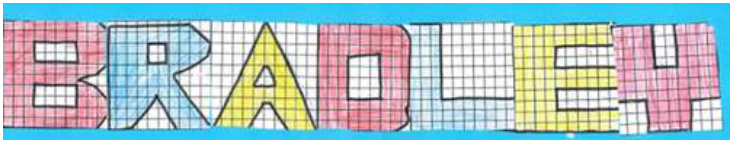
Room 20 has been combining creativity with maths through our Fraction Name Art activity!

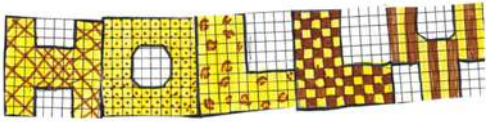
Students have created colourful artworks using the letters of their names, with each letter made up of 100 squares. The next step is to put their maths skills to work by counting how many squares have been coloured in each letter and representing this as a fraction out of 100.

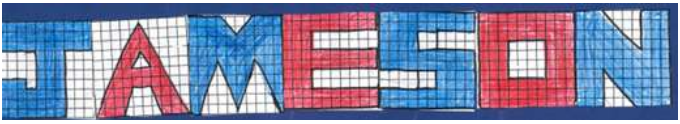
Students will then explore how these fractions can be simplified and converted into decimals and percentages, strengthening their understanding of the connections between these concepts.

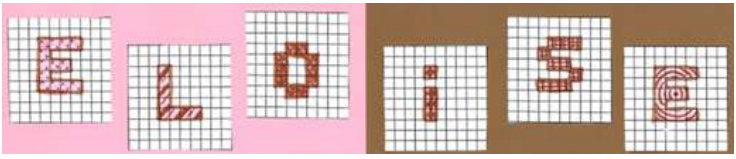
This activity is a creative and hands-on way to apply our fraction knowledge, with some fantastic artwork to show for it!



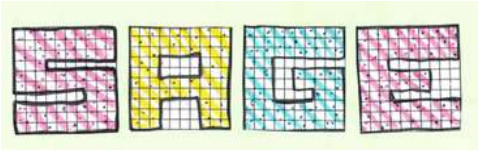




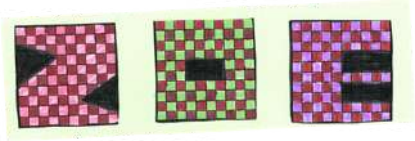












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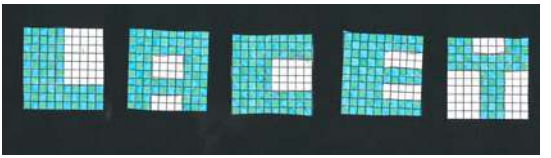
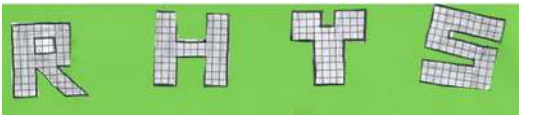
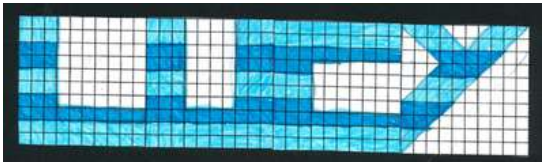
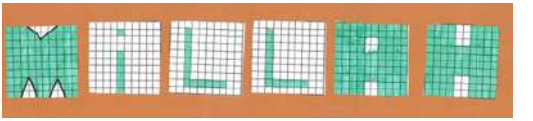
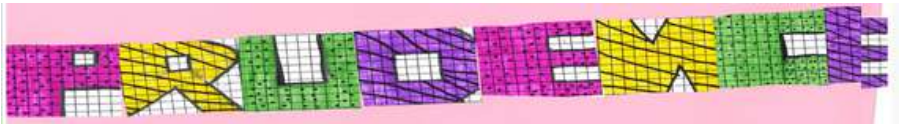


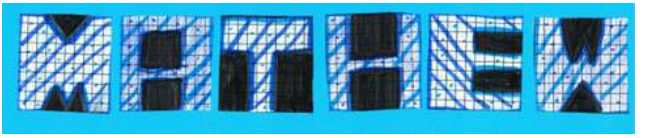


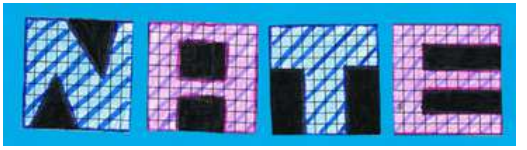




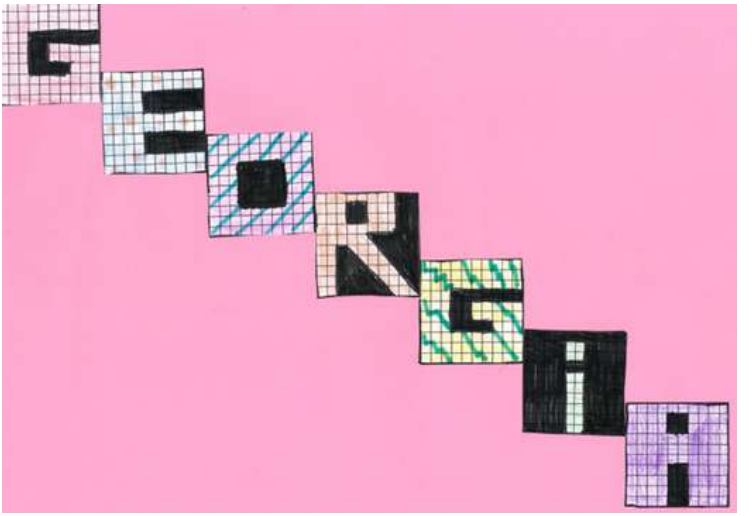












WEEK 4 ASSEMBLY AWARDS




Room 6
Harry & Annie






Room 7
Lila, Marni, Darci & Cooper







Ber 1
Hugo, Jace, Anastasiya, Carson & Pjay





Ber 3
Georgia, Fletcher & Angus

WEEK 4 ASSEMBLY AWARDS




Ber 4
Luca & Dolten






Room 1
Samantha, Zayne, Chloe & Harriett





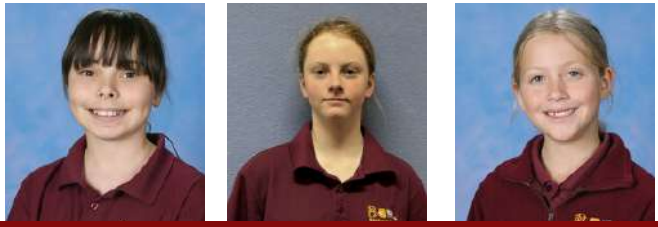

Room 2
Tilly, Shayla, Holly & Hunter






Room 14
Ayden, Adam, Boyd & Archer

WEEK 4 ASSEMBLY AWARDS



Room 18
Olivia, Felicity & Rose



Room 20
Bradley, Jameson & Nate

WEEK 4 LEXILE AWARDS

BLUE



Cohen, Danny, Ebony & Chloe

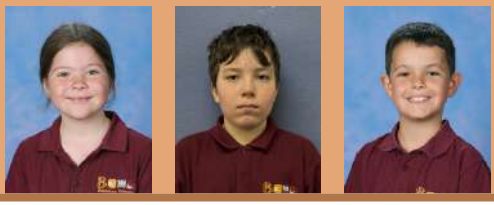
WEEK 4 LEXILE AWARDS

RED



Mitchell, Justice, Sage & Tim

BRONZE



Alice, Mitchell & Liam

WEEK 4 READING AWARDS

50 NIGHTS



Millie, Darcy, Millie & Caleb

WEEK 4 READING AWARDS

75 NIGHTS



Claude

125 NIGHTS



Hunter, Gabe & Saskia

150 NIGHTS



Darcy & Fletcher

200 NIGHTS



Adelyne & Deakon

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Reflective Learners

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Questions you can ask at home to help your child talk about their learning and show their resilience, reflectiveness and resourcefulness.

RESILIENCE

Keep Going When Learning Gets Tough!

- ✓ What was tricky or challenging for you today?
- ✓ How did you keep going when it felt hard?
- ✓ What did you do when you made a mistake?
- ✓ How did you feel after you kept trying?
- ✓ What did you learn from the challenge?



REFLECTIVENESS

Think About Your Learning and Make Good Choices.

- ✓ What did you learn today?
- ✓ What went well for you?
- ✓ What was challenging?
- ✓ What strategy did you use that helped?
- ✓ What would you do differently next time?
- ✓ What is your next learning goal?



RESOURCEFULNESS

Use Strategies to Help Yourself Learn.

- ✓ What did you do when you didn't know what to do?
- ✓ Where did you go for help or information?
- ✓ What different ideas or strategies did you try?
- ✓ How did you use what you already know?
- ✓ What might you try next time if you get stuck?



HOW TO HAVE THE CONVERSATION AT HOME

- ✓ Choose a relaxed time (e.g. dinner, in the car or before bed).
- ✓ Use open-ended questions so your child can explain their thinking.
- ✓ Celebrate effort, problem solving and the strategies they use.

The goal is to help your child think, explain and reflect on their learning.

Learners are engaged, stretched and achieving.

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Community News

Balaklava Area Committee Inc

UNSUNG LOCAL HEROES / HEROINES

COMMUNITY & PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS FOR 2026

NOMINATION FORM

Nominations close Monday, November 30th 2026

- **Senior Award:** Open to all residents of the Balaklava area over 25 years of age at January 26th 2027, who have made an outstanding contribution to the community in 2026.
- **Young Award:** Open to all residents of the Balaklava area between the ages of 16 and 25 at January 26th 2027, who have made an outstanding contribution to the community in 2026.
- **Personal Achievement Award:** Open to all residents regardless of age at January 26th 2027, who have achieved outstanding success in their field of endeavor during 2026.

Individuals or groups may be nominated for all sections.

Any further questions please contact:

The Secretary, Balaklava Area Committee
PO Box 438
Balaklava SA 5461
Or
Email: bac@rbe.net.au

Community News

BALAKLAVA
COMMUNITY CAROLS
Children's Choir

For Primary school aged children who love to sing.
Rehearsals Tuesday afternoons
3:30-4:30pm
24th Nov, 1st Dec, 8th Dec
Balaklava Uniting Church

With an extra rehearsal with the band held the week prior to the carols.

IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE ANY MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT RACHEL JENKINS 0400254180

CAROLS TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 20TH

Gawler & Districts Softball Association
PRESENTS
T-BALL
STARTS
NOVEMBER 21ST
9AM KARBEETHAN RESERVE
FOR AGES 4-8

FUN | SKILLS | TEAMWORK

Growing Confidence One Hit at a Time!

Why Join
- RUN BY A TRAINED SOFTBALL COACH
- SKILL-BUILDING & CONFIDENCE
- FUN & SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT
- ENCOURAGES TEAMWORK & SPORTSMANSHIP
- 11 WEEK PROGRAM

Find your local club with QR code or link
www.gawlersoftball.com/about[our-clubs]
Or call Kyla 0422116595

STALLHOLDERS WANTED
BALAKLAVA CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR STALL HOLDERS
NO FOOD STALLS PLEASE

FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER RALLI PARK
SET UP 4PM FOR 5PM START
PACK UP FROM 8PM

OUTSIDE STALLS ONLY 3X3M $25, 3X6M $50

For more Information or to register your interest please email
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BALAKLAVA
Christmas
PAGEANT
FLOAT ENTRIES
Now Open

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FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER 2026
Parade starts at 6.00pm
RALLI PARK

Let's make it a great pageant!

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Balaklava Primary School
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believe participate succeed

TERM 4 PLANNER

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	12/10	13/10 Summer HUB Carnival - Clare	14/10	15/10 *Newsletter*	16/10
2	19/10	20/10	21/10 Rm 6 & 7 Zoo Excursion 	22/10	23/10 SAPSASA Basketball in Adelaide Community Assembly - 2:20pm start
3	26/10	27/10 ***Finance Mtg*** ***Gov Council Mtg*** SAPSASA Girls Football	28/10	29/10 *Newsletter*	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 2027 Reception School Starters Transition Parent Mtg 1:30pm	11/11 ***Bus Meeting 5pm***	12/11 *Newsletter*	13/11 **STUDENT FREE DAY (BPS & BHS)**
6	16/11	17/11	18/11 Reception Transition till 11am ***Grounds Mtg***	19/11	20/11 RE Didjeribone Performance
7	23/11	24/11 ***Finance Mtg*** ***Gov Council Mtg***	25/11 Reception Transition till 1:30pm	26/11 *Newsletter*	27/11 JAM Band Performance Community Assembly - 2:20pm start
8	30/11	1/12	2/12 Yr 6 Excursion: Beach House Ber 1 & 3 Excursion: Barossa Valley Chocolate Factory	3/12 Year 6 Transition Reception Transition Full Day	4/12 Year 6 Transition Year 5 Excursion: Bounce
9	7/12 End of Year Concert from 5:30pm 	8/12 Crossing Monitor Celebration	9/12 2027 Class Visits & Reports Home	10/12 Year 6 Graduation  *Newsletter*	11/12 End of Term 4 ***Early Dismissal of 2:10pm***

- Assemblies
- Meetings
- SAPSASA
- Student Free Days
- Excursions/Camps
- Cultural Dates

SAVE THE DATE

BPS End of Year Concert:
Monday 7th Dec, Week 9
5:30pm start

Balaklava Christmas Pageant:
Friday 18th Dec
(Check out their Facebook page for more details)