

# BALINGUP PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

## ISSUE 1 TERM 2

CRICKET CARNIVAL MAY 6 2022



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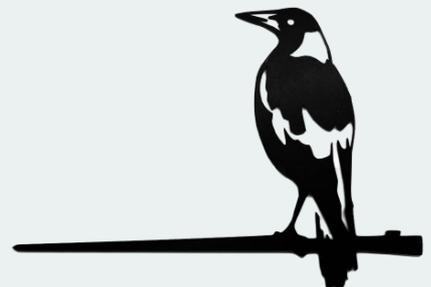
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# Principal's Pen

Kaya lovely Balingup families and community. Welcome to Term 2 and all the action that comes with it. The Noongar season of Djeran has really found it's groove with chilly mornings and evenings, dewy windscreens, and grass to greet us on the trek to school. Personally, this time of year makes driving from Kirup through Mulalyup on a misty day a real highlight. I love the two highland cows, rolling hills and mist hanging over the dams. Anyway, enough of my wistful wonderings and on to business!

## STAFFING FOR TERM 2

**Miss Blake** has begun her maternity leave, and this has seen a few slight changes to our staffing. We are lucky enough to now have **Mrs Kirk** with us 3 days a week, working in room 3 on a Monday with the year 2/3's and continuing her work with the year 4's in room 2 on Thursdays and Fridays.

**Miss Corker** has returned each Thursday to work with our PP/1's in room 4 while Miss Streeter has planning time. It's lovely to have Miss Corker back doing her thing that she does so well!

**Mr Broughton**, more commonly referred to as **Mr B**, will be working with us on Fridays taking year 2/3 for the first session of the day and spending the remainder with our year 5/6's in Art/Auslan/Music room! It is wonderful to welcome Mr B aboard our staff for the remainder of the year.

We have also welcomed **Mrs Cavanagh** each Monday and Tuesday to assist with our delightful Kindy students. Mrs Cavanagh has slotted in seamlessly bringing her wealth of experience working in Early Childhood classrooms and she has quickly formed special bonds with all the students in room 4.

## NAPLAN

Mrs Stiffle has done an amazing job to get NAPLAN off to a smooth start for our year 3 and 5 students. On Tuesday, testing began with a Writing assessment, followed up by Reading. Conventions of Language and finishing off with Numeracy. I am proud of all the students that have participated and no matter the results, they should be proud of themselves!

Later in the year schools will receive data from these assessments to assist with determining individual's strengths and areas for growth, along with cohort and whole school strengths and areas for growth.

NAPLAN data is given a lot of attention through the media and in other forums and can be misinterpreted as "Be all and end all" of achievement measures for children and schools. This, however, is not the case. Balingup Primary School undertakes a variety of assessments in many forms to help us ensure programs are effective, student's needs are being met, student's differences are being catered for, all school

staff are high quality and effective, and school management is in line with Education Department policy and procedures. We also monitor and build our general physical school environment and continue to nurture our positive culture.

## THE SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board will **meet for an AGM on Wednesday, May 25 at 1:30pm** in the Art room. If you would like to learn more about school operations, why certain decisions are made, and to put your thoughts and ideas forward, please nominate yourself to join. You are also able to nominate others that you feel would be able to represent the parent and/or community voice. The School Board aims to meet once per term and the meetings typically run for no longer than an hour so, taking on this role is a wonderful service for your school and community, without being too onerous.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone you know, please feel free to email myself or Sue Holden, at [balingup.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:balingup.ps@education.wa.edu.au)

## TERM TWO AND SPORTING EVENTS

This term is full of sport action. Balingup hosted a successful Cricket Carnival on Friday, May 6 thanks to the fantastic organising of Miss Streeter, Mrs Stiffle and Mr Tweedie. The weather was stunning on the day and I saw lots of smiles and positive attitudes.

Our school P&C did a fabulous job of catering lunches for all participants and I would like to express my appreciation to the families that donated their time and efforts toward lunch provision and the bake sale.

Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning students have been training for the **Cross Country**. It feels very strange to love something so much that I find so hard at the same time! It is just such a great atmosphere during these training sessions, and I am so proud of all the students. Each child is reaping the benefit of physical activity, while enjoying the beauty of Balingup, whether they run, jog or power walk their way around the track. It is also wonderful to hear students encourage one another and I particularly like it when students are determined to beat the Principal. We will hold our **school Cross Country** (weather permitting!) on **Monday, May 30 from 9:00am**. Our School Cross Country event will determine the Inter School Cross Country team, who will represent the school at East Manjimup Primary on Friday, June 10. Term two also sees the Lightning Carnival take place at Boyup Brook. This will take place on June 24, week 9. Students from year 4 to 6 will make up teams to represent Balingup Primary School in the Soccer competition..

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR,  
SCHOOL CULTURE AND  
TEAMWORK ATTRIBUTE  
FOCUS**

This term sees our school focus on our Attribute of "Teamwork" with our sweet native bee/djilyaro mascot.

Miss Streeter has developed a large beehive reward chart for students to track their Feather Flutters on. Feather Flutters are given to acknowledge students when they demonstrate our school attributes and contribute to our positive school culture. Feather Flutters, which come in the form of a raffle ticket, are also drawn each Monday after lunch at the Monday Muster. 5 tickets are drawn, and students are then able to "spin the wheel" and win a sustainable prize. Check out the great display put together by Miss Streeter in the hallway for more information.

**SOME COVID HOUSEKEEPING**

Daily there are more and more cases within our region, and we have recently been aware of two cases at school while in their infectious period. The school will do its best to continue keeping everyone informed in the instance an infectious case has been at school. When providing this information, we will respect the privacy and confidentiality of our staff and families and will not identify individuals.

**Please direct all clarifying questions to the office** rather than contacting staff members on their private phones or through private social media accounts. This policy is in place for all communication with staff regarding school matters, COVID or otherwise.

The school will be abiding by Education Department and Health Department advice. School is open for teaching and learning each weekday and if your child is well, they can attend.

If someone becomes unwell in a student's household, yet the student/s themselves remain well, they can attend school providing they receive a negative RAT result each morning during the positive household cases isolation period. If at any stage the student/s develop symptoms or receive a positive RAT they must stay home during their 7-day isolation period has ended OR until well. If still displaying symptoms after the 7 days, student/s should remain at home until completely recovered.

Please continue to inform the school office should any student become a household close contact or become positive with COVID themselves. We really appreciate your support during these times.

It is understandable that when there are positive cases at school, we can feel anxious about our own child/ren becoming unwell. It is Education Department policy that schools are only required to provide work for students to continue with at home if they themselves are



in isolation from being unwell with COVID. If your child/ren is a household contact and you wish to keep them at home to prevent possible spread, we will also provide work for your child/ren to complete at home.

During this time as the illness spreads, it is likely staffing could be affected. This may mean short periods of time where classes are combined, classes are without their usual assistants, I may be in the classroom and unavailable, and/or the office is unattended. It would be wonderful if none of this eventuates however, it is a possibility and I ask that you please be patient with us should there be such disruptions during this time.

**\$1000 WOOLWORTHS JUNIOR LANDCARE GRANT**

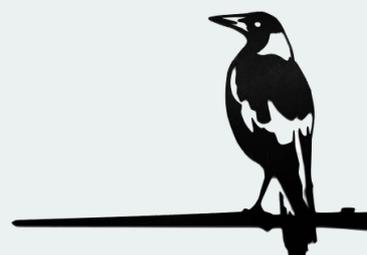
This week we received the great news that our grant application had been accepted providing the school with funds to continue our work with sustainable gardening practises. We will be using the money to get students involved with growing food they can use for crunch and sip, healthy cooking and broadening their experiences with fruit and vegetables. How exciting! It is so wonderful that Woolworths and Landcare support schools with such projects and we are grateful for the funding to assist us on our food growing journey.

**BREAK TIMES GET MUSICAL**

The school has recently purchased a more modern Bluetooth speaker and microphone PA that we have been utilising during break times to add some music in the mix. I have been putting together a playlist of student requests (for some reason Kidz Bop just isn't up to scratch!) and it has been a positive boost to the atmosphere of break times. I have also loved seeing some student's dance their recess and/or lunch away, music really is a gift!

Phew! If you made it this far well done! I'll try and keep it a bit shorter and sweeter next time. Please remember, my door is always open (unless I'm isolating!) and thank you to all that continue to support our fantastic school and staff!

Nicole Corcoran - Principal



# !Thank you!

**Thank you to the following fabulous businesses who generously donated prizes for our Easter raffle.**



**Daily Grind  
Mr Fosters  
Mushroom**



Please remember to support local businesses

**GREENBUSHES  
FUN RUN**

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Greenbushes

**15 May 2022**

**Race Briefing: Bike 8:15am | Run 9:15am**

15km Mountain Bike	8:30 am
5km Mountain Bike	8:40 am
10km Fun Run	9:30 am
5km Fun Run/Walk	9:40 am

Register online: [www.greenbushes.net.au](http://www.greenbushes.net.au)

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**A great day out for the family, whether participating or cheering on. Hope to see you there!**





***Mr Scott Tweedie, our  
Phys-Ed teacher, welcomes  
a new daughter to his  
family!***

***Arlee Louise born  
29/04/22***

***3.2kg.***

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Scott and family!**

**From all of us!**

***Miss Rhiannan Blake, welcomes  
her new bub , Hazel Lee Margaret  
Crombie.***

***Born 28/04/22***

***7lbs 7oz***

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Rhi and family from all of us!**



Welcome back to Term II everyone! And Yippee! because we're back to normal, living without masks (if we want to), and little or no restrictions on gathering numbers. Which means a change for Breakfast Club as well.

FoodBank is the supplier of a lot of our Breakfast Club food, which has been generously donated by farmers, supermarkets and other organisations, for the enjoyment of school children (in this case) all around the country. The food that we receive is as follows: Cans of spaghetti and baked beans; cans of fruit; long life milk; Vegemite; wheat biscuits; porridge oats. This is a wonderful help to our school and is all without cost to us. Every now and again we are donated other items by benefactors, which include eggs, cheese, yoghurt, honey and tins of Milo. I buy fresh bread and spread.

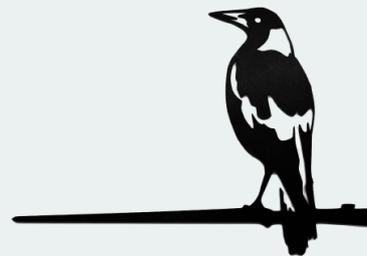
During the last two years of Covid requirements, Breakfast Club has run on take away food, which has been at quite considerable cost to the school and supporting organisations. Happily, now that we are all back to pre-Covid conditions, so is the Breakfast Club menu.

**From next week we will be returning to yummy warm porridge, spaghetti on toast, Milo (to warm the cockles of our heart on those cold, wintery mornings), toast and Vegemite or honey, fruit and yoghurt.** Occasionally we may have scrambled eggs, if the chooks have been kind, or cheese toasties, but these will no longer be the staple of Breakfast Club as eggs and cheese are very expensive to buy on a regular basis.

I understand there are some children in our school community who have dietary issues, and I will endeavour to accommodate these to an extent. However, it would be greatly appreciated if parents of these children might help with supplies of the necessary foods, which we can keep in the fridge/freezer with the child's name on it.

So, come along next week and enjoy the warm and humming atmosphere of Breakfast Club, and enjoy treating your taste buds again to the old breakfast favourites.

Mary Taylor,  
Chaplain.



**Nanna's Curry**

Serves 6 - 8

**Ingredients:**  
1 brown onion  
Spray oil  
500g lean meat (beef, lamb, pork, kangaroo)  
1 tablespoon curry powder  
1 green apple  
1 carrot  
1 capsicum  
½ sweet potato  
2 cups water

**Equipment:**  
Chopping boards, knife, frypan, large spoon, measuring cups and spoons, small bowl, spoon

**Recipe tip:** Add more curry powder for a spicier curry!

- 1 Dice onion. Turn frypan onto medium heat and spray with oil. Add onion to frypan, cook until softened.
- 2 Dice meat into small pieces. Add meat and curry powder to frypan and cook until meat is brown.
- 3 On a clean chopping board, dice apple, carrot, capsicum and sweet potato into small pieces, add to frypan.
- 4 Add water, stock powder, coconut, jam and pickles. Stir to combine. Cook for 10 minutes.
- 5 Mix cornflour and 2 tablespoons of water in small bowl. Add to frypan and stir for 5 minutes or until sauce thickens. Serve with rice.

**FOOD BANK**

## New Musical Instruments

(See pic's next page)

**A huge thank you to our wonderful P&C who have funded the purchase of some new musical instruments. Through their generosity we have been able to acquire some tuned and non-tuned instruments to enhance our music lessons.**

**The students have had a lot of fun trying out the 8 note, 15 note and 32 note Glockenspiels in their tuned activities and have created some interesting soundscapes with the new guiros, sleigh bells, egg shakers!**

**Thanks P&C from Mrs Armstrong and all of the students.**

# New Musical Instruments



**BELLS QUIRO**



**WOODEN COLOURED GLOCKENSPIEL**



**GLOCKENSPIEL 8 NOTE**



**METAL COLOURED GLOCKENSPIEL**



**METAL GLOCKENSPIEL**



**QUIRO SLEIGH BELLS**



**BIG METAL GLOCKENSPIEL WHOLE TONE/SEMI TONE**

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL P&C FOR DONATING THE FUNDS TO PURCHASE OUR NEW MUSICAL EQUIPMENT!



**PIANO**

# CRICKET CARNIVAL MAY 6

*I felt sweat running down the sides of my face. As the ball was hurtling towards me, I hit it with the cricket bat, HARD! I ran twice with my partner and we had scored 4 runs for our team. The referee blew the whistle and my team headed over to the canteen to get our lunch. I gulped it down fast! As soon as everyone had eaten we all went back to play. At the end of the cricket carnival, we all had a picture taken and either stayed or walked back to school.*



*By Charlie Dellar, Year 6*

*On Friday the 6<sup>th</sup>, Year 4,5 and 6 walked to Balingup Oval and represented our school in the Cricket Carnival. There were three fabulous teams. Each team tried their hardest and showed great sportsmanship towards the other 3 teams*

*Bridgetown, Greenbushes and Kirup. For lunch, most of us received delicious lunches from the P&C. Overall we had an awesome day.*

*By Tahni Smith, Year 6*



*On the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 was the Cricket Carnival. This is a big event where different schools come to one place to play cricket. The schools there were us, Balingup PS, Bridgetown PS, Kirup PS and Greenbushes PS. We were split into 5 sections and a bye section to play a small game of cricket. Only the 4,5,6's went and in the end everyone was a winner.*

*By Willow Lyon, Year 6*



*Bang! I hit a six for my last ball. It's the Cricket Carnival and I'm having a great time. Cricket is an awesome sport, very exciting and I think you should try it.*

*By Zac Higgins, Year 6*

