

Balingup Primary Newsletter Issue 2 Term 2

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Coming up:

1. Year 6 GRIP leadership June 3
2. Public holiday WA day June 6
3. Year 6 transition to BSHS June 9
4. Interschool Cross Country East Manjimup June 10
5. Year 6 transition to BSHS June 15
6. Lightening Carnival June 24
7. Vex Robotics Comp June 28
8. Assembly July 1

WEEK 10 IS NAIDOC week

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Kaya lovely Balingup families and wider community! The Noongar season on Makuru has begun as of June 1, seeing the coldest and wettest time of the year get into full swing. I am sure many of us will welcome some good rain-fall, the cold mornings, not so much!

We are now mid term and in the thick of our learning programs and activities. I commend all of the Balingup staff for their excellent work in maintaining a consistently high standard of education programs and activities despite the high absence rate due to COVID in our community. My own time in isolation with my boys allowed me to experience the provision of distance learning and from this I learned a few things...

1. If your child is sick, do not fret about school work!
2. If you are feeling unwell yourself, do not fret about school work!
3. If you and your child/ren are feeling well enough, set up a quiet space where your child/ren can sit with their work comfortably. Turn off the TV etc.
4. Set 15 to 30 minute targets for activity time and then provide a decent break, depending on how your child is going, then repeat with a different activity. Some engagement and practise of skills is better than nothing at all I say. (All children are obviously different, some may be able to work for much longer periods)
5. If your child/ren or you are becoming frustrated, leave that activity, take a break, and either return to the activity refreshed or try a different subject,

REPORTING SEMESTER ONE, 2022

I am hopeful that all families have seen communication through school stream, Connect and/or email regarding modifications to our reporting content for semester one. This semester, your child/ren will be provided with a grade (year 3 and above)/5 point scale equivalent (PP—year 2) for each subject. They will also receive a general comment about their progress. For subject specific information, and further information about your child's progress in general, please make an appointment to speak with you child/ren's teacher at your convenience. Such meeting's can be arranged through contacting the office and or by email. Below are the email addresses of staff so that you are able to contact them directly.

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COMMUNICATING WITH STAFF

When contacting staff please do so via Connect, email or the office only. Please refrain from using staff social media accounts and/or private numbers for school matters. This enables us to ensure staff get their necessary downtime and are "present" for their family and friends outside of work hours. It also helps us keep accountable with our communication, ensuring I can support all involved should any issues arise.

CROSS COUNTRY

Thank you to all of the families and spectators that came to support our students at the Balingup Primary Cross Country. The weather was magical for us and every student did such a fantastic job participating, persevering and performing at their best! I hope you all enjoyed the event as much as I did, there was such a great atmosphere and, thanks to the awesome Balingup staff, everything ran like clockwork! Miss Streeter did a wonderful job organising the timing records and making sure everything was ready to go with the help of Mrs A. It will be wonderful to take our team of Balingup runners to the Inter School Cross Country next Friday, June 10.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It has been very pleasing to see the majority of students looking fantastic in their school shirts, jumpers and black bottoms. Thank you for your support assisting us to develop our student's pride when it comes to their appearance and representing team Balingup!

Our SunSmart policy reflects that broadbrimmed hats are required year round for lunch and recess play. This reduces confusion about when hats are, or aren't required, and also ensures little necks and faces are protected on those surprisingly sunny Makuru days!

NATIONAL SORRY DAY & RECONCILIATION WEEK

On May 26 we acknowledged national Sorry Day with some activities and conversations in class around the origins of the day. Students took time to acknowledge the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, which we now know as "The Stolen Generations".

National Reconciliation week (May 27—June 3) is a time for all Australians to learn about shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute toward the achievement of reconciliation in Australia. Our students developed some beautiful art works and informative pieces as a part of their learning this past week. Check some out later in this newsletter!

Nicole Corcoran—Principal



As Reconciliation Week approaches, the students in Year 2/3 and Year 4 reflected on how culture can be reflected in the Visual Arts. The Year 2/3 students viewed and appreciated different art works produced by Aboriginal people and used these in a weaving task. The theme this year is 'Be brave. Make change.'. Therefore, the students painted the Auslan sign for brave as part of their display. The Year 4 students compared Asian and Aboriginal buildings and found out how the history of the people can be shown in art works. They then reproduced their own versions on paper plates using monochromatic colours and colours associated with the Aboriginal culture. The Year 5/6/7 class have been learning many different drawing techniques while focusing on the art elements of line, texture and value. They have discovered and experimented with stippling, scumbling and hatching, to name a few.



Balingup Cross Country



Congratulations everyone on your great efforts during the Cross Country May 30.



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Shaping the future

Kindergarten enrolments are now open for 2023

If your child will be **four years old**
by **30 June 2023**, you can apply
to enrol them in Kindergarten now.

Visit your local public school or community kindergarten
to apply. Applications close 22 July 2022.

Find out more:
education.wa.edu.au/enrolment



Welcome to Balingup PS Kim!



Say hello to Kim, our new gardener. Kim will be here 3 days per week and comes with a wealth of knowledge in landscaping, lawn maintenance, general garden design and carpentry skills.

MARY'S DELIGHT FOR THIS WEEK!



Flying Fish Parcels



Makes 12



Ingredients:

- Spray oil
- 12 slices of bread
- 8 eggs
- 95g tin of tuna
- 125g tin of corn kernels
- 1 tomato
- ½ capsicum
- 50g cheese

adapted from 'Tuna, corn & egg pies' recipe
www.taste.com.au



Equipment:

- Muffin tray, rolling pin, oven, chopping boards, tablespoon, bowl, knives, can opener, grater

Recipe Tip:
Create your own parcel variations with carrot, tinned or frozen peas, zucchini and ham.



1 Preheat oven to 180°C. Lightly spray muffin tray with oil.



2 Remove crusts from bread. Flatten bread using a rolling pin (or the corn tin). Line muffin tray holes with bread slices.



3 Crack eggs into bowl and whisk until combined.



4 Drain tuna and corn. Chop tomato and capsicum. Grate cheese. Add tuna, corn, tomato and capsicum to eggs and mix together.



5 Divide egg mixture between bread cases. Cover with grated cheese and bake for 20 mins, or until egg has set.

Note: Leftover crusts can be used to make bread crumbs.



INDIGENOUS CULTURE STUDIES WITH MEEKA



Every Thursday our students will learn about Indigenous Culture with Meeka.

Meeka will be sharing her cultural knowledge with us through activities such as caring for local bushland, identifying animal habitat and noticing what is in our natural environment.

