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## Balliang East Primary School Newsletter

13<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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### Check Your Child's Bag!!

#### Forms sent home this week:

Contact Detail Form – due Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb (still waiting on 10 families)

Pink Stumps attendance – Due Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb

School Council self-nomination forms – Due Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb

Glasses For Kids Consent – Due Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

#### Bush Telegraph & Concert DVD/USB:

The concert DVD/USB has arrived and the Bush Telegraph (Whole school yearbook) has arrived. The cost for the Bush Telegraph is \$12 and the DVD is \$25, All parents who ordered these items at the end of 2023 can now pay and collect them.

#### Parent Information Sessions:

Thank you to the 17 parents who were able to attend the Information sessions last week.

#### Snakes Onsite:

We have had a number of snake sightings since December last year. If the snake is accessible, we will call the Snake Catcher. The staff are being very vigilant doing thorough checks of the playground before recess and lunch.

Unfortunately, the increase seems to be caused by the disturbance being made with the pipe works. Hopefully, this will settle once the works are completed. We do have a snake bite kit onsite in the unlikely event of having an incident at school.

**DO NOT send your child around to the playground after school, even if you are supervising them as this is when the risk will increase.**

#### Prep Days Off:

The Prep children do not attend school on Wednesdays during February – see 'Important Dates' below.

#### Pink Stumps Welcome BBQ:

Families are invited to come along to our annual sausage sizzle. There will be a fun cricket game for adults and students in Grade 4 upwards. Please add the names of those wanting to play cricket to the note.

The cost of \$5:00 per person attending will entitle them to a sausage and drink. Additional sausages and other food items can be purchased on the night. Please bring cash for these purchases.

The \$5:00 per person payment is to be donated online to the Glenn McGrath Foundation, prior to the night via the link below. Please put your family name with the donation. We will have a check list at the gate to ensure payments have been made.

<https://www.pinkisthecolour.com.au/fundraisers/carynfox>

Last year we raised over \$3000 for the foundation. Let's try to break our record and help those in need. This year's efforts will help support Mrs D as she continues to fight her battle.

# Important Dates:

**Principal:**  
Mrs. Caryn Fox

**School Information:**  
School No: 3787  
Phone: 5369 5148 Fax: 5369 5226  
BEPS Mobile: 0418 316 148

**School Council President:**  
Joanne Darrington

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February:	No Preps
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February:	Professional Practice Day (No students)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February:	No Preps
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February:	<b>PINK STUMPS</b> Family Welcome BBQ
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February:	No Preps
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March:	School Photos Clean up Australia Day
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March:	Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March:	Curriculum Day (No students)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March:	Naplan Starts – Gr 3 & 5
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March:	Sports day – P-6 – Bacchus Marsh.
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March:	School Council
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March:	Cyber Safety Info session for parents – time and venue TBC
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March:	Ride to School
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March:	Easter Activities End Term 1 – 2:30pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April:	Term 2 starts



## School Council Self-Nomination Forms:

All families received a Self-Nomination Form yesterday. This year, we have 8 vacant positions on School Council. We would love to be able to fill all these positions.

School Council consists of attending 8 meetings a year. These are held at 6:30pm on Zoom so you do not need to drive back to school.

School Councillors are an important part of the functioning of the school. They are involved in decision making, approval of policies, curriculum days etc. and are privy to additional information such as survey results, school plans and future works.

If you are interested in joining, please return the form by the Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Our next meeting will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

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## Hay Fever:

We have not had any parents enquiring about completing a hay fever plan. Please see Mrs Lowen or Mrs Fox if you need us to administer antihistamine during the day.

## Raising Kids In A Digital World:

On Wednesday 20th March, the local Bacchus Marsh schools including Balliang East, are teaming up with the Bacchus Marsh Police to present a Cyber Safety Information session. I strongly encourage all parents to put this date in your diaries as you will be astounded by what may be going on under your own rooves.

All families have received a paper flyer with a QR code on it. Please register your attendance through this. Places are filling fast so please register ASAP to secure your place.

## School Library:

The students will be bringing home school library books every Wednesday. If you still have a yellow library bag at home which was used for MARC Van, please send it along tomorrow. New students will receive a new bag.

## Glasses For Kids Program:

Grade P-3 students brought home consent forms yesterday. The GFK program comes to our school every 4 years and all students who complete the consent will have their eyes tested and will receive new glasses. Older students who missed the program last time or students whose parents or teachers have concerns about are also eligible for free testing. Please ask Mrs Fox for a form if you have a Grade 4-6 students who you would like to have tested.

Please return the consent by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The program will happen on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

## Mrs D Update:

Mrs D is currently on sick leave and will not be returning to work. Please do not direct any email enquiries to Wendy as she is unable to respond. All enquiries need to go to Melanie or Mrs fox.

**Grade 6 Getting to know you evening was held on the Monday the 12 February. Photos of the evening will be shared in next week's newsletter.**

Issue 1 of Bookclub will be sent home this week, please check your child's bag. You can also log on to LOOP to view the catalogue online. Get \$5 CREDIT for orders over \$35 on Issue 1 to help keep the reading rolling.

START A NEW SERIES from only \$3 to get your child hooked on reading. 50 BONUS BARGAIN BOOKS online at low prices!

**Please place orders via LOOP by February 13th.**



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# Students of the Week Awards:



**Ariah**



**Sefo**



**Oskar**



**Harrelson**

# RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Social Media

Impacts of Screen Time

Online Gaming

Cyber Bullying

Child & Tween Online Trends

Managing Devices in the Home

Explicit/Adult Content

Strengthening Family Communication



Bacchus Marsh Grammar School  
(John Lever Gymnasium)  
37 Sth Maddingley Rd, Maddingley

Wed 20 March  
7.00 pm



Martin McGauran  
Primary School Teacher  
& Cyber Safety Educator

## INFORM & EMPOWER

- 90 minute presentation
- Parents/carers only
- Exclusive access to resources



Register to come along:  
[bit.ly/bacchus2024](https://bit.ly/bacchus2024)



Carley McGauran  
Psychologist & Mum to  
3 schoolaged kids



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# SCHOOL PHOTOS 2024 - Important Registration Information

*School Photographs will be taken at*

**Balliang East Primary School**

Friday 1st March 2024

**There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day**

**Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day**

**When you receive your child's 2024 image code**

***Follow these 3 simple steps -***

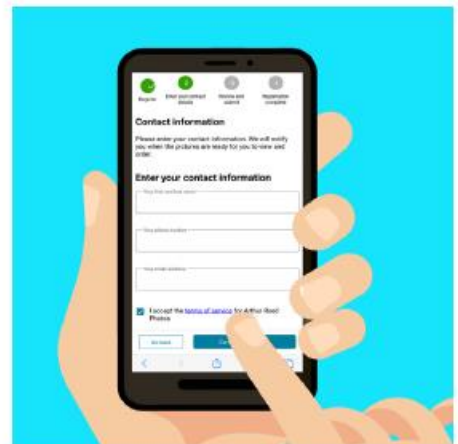
**1** Go to [order.arphotos.com.au](http://order.arphotos.com.au) and enter your child's 2024 image code



**2** Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings



**3** Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration\*



\*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

***That's it!***

**It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details  
When 2024 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS**

**• Create photo packages with any layout & YOUR choice of images + Multiple Image Downloads**

**• Order on any mobile device • Share the images with family & friends for FREE**

**\*\* Please wait to receive notifications that new images are online BEFORE ordering for 2024\*\***



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