



Fortnightly Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2

Note from the Principal

We have had a wonderful start to Term 2, and I would like to begin by thanking all of the families who have so warmly welcomed me back to the school this term. It has been lovely reconnecting with our community, and I am very excited to be back and working alongside our students, staff, and families.

The first week of Term 2 has certainly been an exciting one. Students had the opportunity to attend the opening of the Yarning Circle in Manjimup, which was a very special experience and an important opportunity for learning and connection. It was also lovely to see so many of our students and their families attending the Balingup ANZAC Day service on Saturday. Your presence and respect on the day were a wonderful reflection of our school community.

The final weeks of last term were particularly busy, with many enjoyable activities for our students. We thoroughly enjoyed the Easter hat-making session, which showcased students' creativity and enthusiasm. There was also a great deal of excitement surrounding the P&C Easter raffle, with students eagerly waiting to see who would take home the prizes. Our Year 3/4 students did a fantastic job hosting the end-of-term assembly, and it was wonderful to see our award recipients acknowledged for their hard work and positive efforts throughout the term. Over the school holiday period, asbestos was successfully removed from several roof spaces across the school. We are very grateful to everyone involved for completing this important work over the Easter break, which ensured that no classes were disrupted and that the school was able to resume as normal at the start of Term 2.

There are also some very happy personal celebrations to share within our school community. A huge congratulations to Sunny and her family on the arrival of their beautiful baby girl, Sage Eden, over the holidays. I am sure she will be running around the school grounds before we know it! We also congratulate Mrs Aldridge on welcoming a new granddaughter during the break.

We look forward to another positive and productive fortnight ahead and to keeping you informed through our regular school newsletter.

Upcoming Dates

Week 3

6th May - Incursion, Football Clinic

7th May - Incursion, Messines Bees

8th May - Yr 5/6 Excursion (Science and engineering challenge)

Week 4

15th May - Walk to school / Pirate day
(P&C breakfast in the park)

PBS Focus

Pride and Respect

We speak respectfully to one another



Final week of Term 1



A Wonderful End to Term 1

The final day of Term 1 was a busy and joyful one for our students and staff. Recess time was buzzing with creativity as students designed and created Easter hats, proudly wearing their colourful creations for the remainder of the day. Staff were also treated to a very well-deserved morning tea, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

In the afternoon, the Year 3/4 class hosted our end-of-term assembly. They shared a fantastic example of their Talk for Writing task, using actions and expression to bring their joint writing piece to life. During the assembly, the greatly anticipated Easter raffle was also drawn — thank you to our wonderful P&C for organising this much-loved event. Students from each class were recognised with merit certificates for their efforts and achievements throughout the term.

Well done to Miss Blake and the Year 3/4 class for a delightful assembly, and congratulations to all our students on a fantastic end to Term 1.



ANZAC Assembly



On Friday 24 April at 10:00am, the Balingup Primary School community came together to commemorate ANZAC Day at our annual ANZAC Assembly.

The ceremony began with a warm welcome to our special guests, parents, friends and students, followed by an Acknowledgement of Country, recognising that we gathered on Wadandi–Bibbulman land and paying our respect to Elders past and present.

Students led the assembly with confidence and respect, reminding us of the importance of ANZAC Day as a time to honour the men and women who have served our country in times of war and peace. Our Year 5 students shared the history of ANZAC Day, recounting the events of 25 April 1915, when Australian and New Zealand soldiers landed at Gallipoli. Through their thoughtful presentation, students helped us understand the sacrifices made by those who served and the values of loyalty, selflessness and courage that continue to be associated with the ANZAC spirit today.

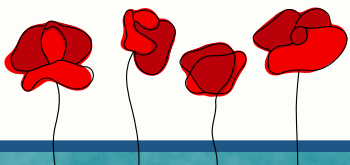
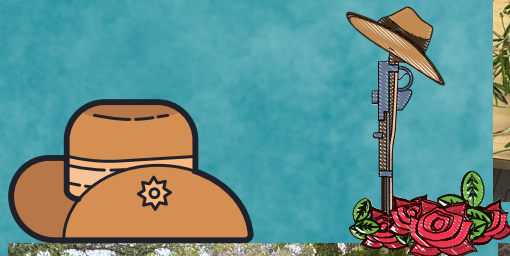
Representatives from each class laid a small posy or wreath at the base of the flagpole as a mark of respect for the men and women who have lost their lives during wartime. This was a moving moment that highlighted the unity of our school community and the importance of remembering together. We were honoured to welcome Mr Streeter as a special guest, who played the bugle for our ceremony. His contribution added great significance to the occasion and was deeply appreciated by all in attendance. Following the recitation of the Ode, the sounding of the Last Post, a minute's silence, and Reveille with the raising of the flag, the assembly concluded with the singing of the Australian National Anthem.

The respectful behaviour of our students throughout the service reflected the importance of the occasion and demonstrated their understanding of why we pause each year to remember. Thank you to all staff, students and families who joined us and helped make this ANZAC Assembly a meaningful and memorable event for our school community.

Lest we forget.

ANZAC Day Balingup Community Service

On Saturday, 25 April, Sophie and Dusty represented BPS and laid a wreath made by their mum, Kylie, on behalf of our school. Many other BPS students also stepped up on the day and helped lay additional wreaths during the service. It was a beautiful and respectful ceremony. Well done to everyone involved.



Waangka danjoo nyinyiny - Yarning circle opening

🌿 Whole School Excursion: Official Opening of the Yarning Circle 🌿

On Wednesday the 22nd of March, our whole school had the privilege of attending the official opening of the Yarning Circle – Waangka danjoo nyinyiny (Talking Sitting Together) – at Manjimup Heritage Park, on Pibulmun Noongar Country.

Students took part in singing songs they had learned with Noongar artist Kobi Morrison during sessions at school, sharing proudly in this special moment. We were captivated by Aboriginal storytelling and thoroughly enjoyed watching the puppet performance, which brought culture and story to life in a powerful and engaging way.

A particularly moving moment was witnessing the Elders light the first fire in the yarning circle, symbolising the space as a place for ongoing gathering, storytelling, reflection and connection. Students were incredibly excited to see their own hand-crafted tiles featured in the beautiful mosaic surrounding the circle, as well as the puppets they helped create alongside artist Karen.

This yarning circle has been thoughtfully developed through genuine collaboration between Southern Forest Arts and members of the local Aboriginal community, recognising and celebrating culture, community and shared learning. It was a meaningful experience for our students to see how their contributions form part of this lasting cultural space.

We are incredibly proud to have been part of such an important and respectful celebration of culture, creativity and connection. 🍷🖤🍷




Students working with Karen and Kobi at school.

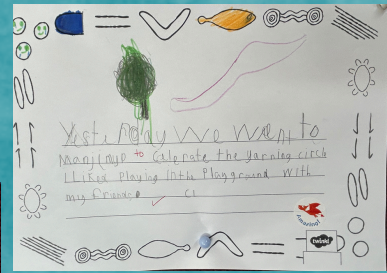
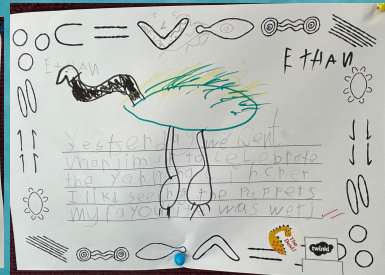
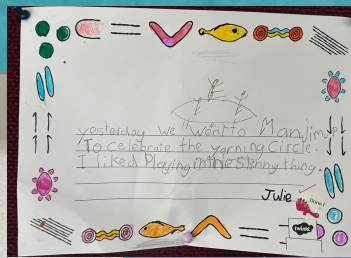
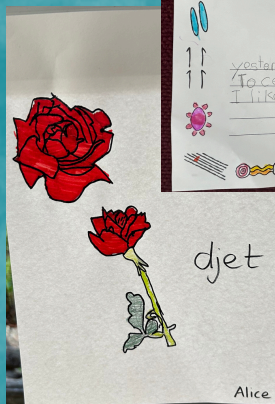
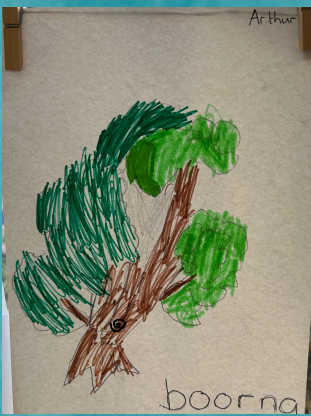
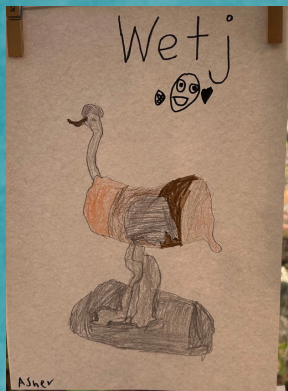
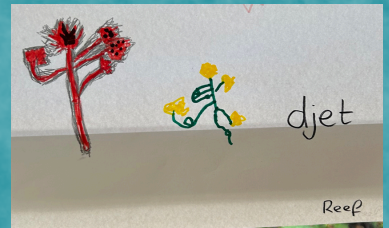
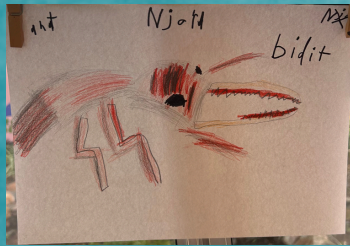
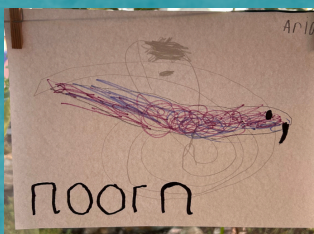


Fantastic Learning in Miss Hughes' Classroom

There has been some wonderful learning happening in Miss Hughes' class this term with our pre-primary, year 1 and year 2 students. Following their recent excursion to the opening of the Yarning Circle in Manjimup, students completed some amazing pieces of writing, sharing their experiences, observations and reflections with great enthusiasm. The students have also been learning about Noongar words, building their understanding of local culture and language.

The class researched animal images and discussed how to draw like a scientist, carefully observing details and shapes before sketching. Be sure to check out their Noongar word wall located opposite the library  — it is a fantastic display of their learning. Well done to Miss Hughes and the students for their curiosity, creativity and fantastic efforts.

**EXPLORE
OUR
WADANDI
BOODJAR
WITH
ROOM 3**



Principals Award

  Week 9 -  

Awarded to Sophie Dellar for consistently demonstrating the PBS attribute of Joy and Zest around Balingup Primary School. Sophie has truly stepped up in her role as a Year 6 leader, bringing enthusiasm, positivity and thoughtful ideas to every meeting. She is always eager to help wherever she can and does so with a cheerful attitude that inspires those around her. Sophie's energy and willingness to contribute make a wonderful difference to our school community. Well done, Sophie—we are very proud of you!

