



# Fortnightly Newsletter

**Term 2 Week 4**

## Note from the Principal

It has been another busy and exciting fortnight at Balingup Primary School. Our students have been actively involved in a range of enriching experiences, including the Country Football Clinic and an engaging Bee Incursion. Our Year 5/6 students also represented the school with enthusiasm at the Science and Engineering Challenge in Australind last Friday, joining students from Greenbushes Primary School.

With the colder weather now upon us, it has been great to see so many students arriving in their school jumpers and beanies. A friendly reminder to please label your child's clothing, as we are noticing a number of unnamed jumpers being left around the school.

It has been fantastic to see students training hard in preparation for our upcoming Cross Country. Many students have been striving to beat their personal best times, demonstrating determination and resilience. We look forward to the event next Friday, 22nd May, which will be held at the start of the school day. Parents are warmly invited to stay after drop-off to watch the races. Medals will be presented later that day at the Year 5/6 Assembly at 2:15pm, and I encourage families to join us for this celebration.

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff, particularly Ms Blake, for organising the training program and keeping students on track in the lead-up to the event.

A couple of important reminders for families: voluntary contributions are now due. Please contact Nat in the office if you require any assistance with payments. Additionally, Friday, 29 May is a Staff Development Day. Staff will be focusing on curriculum implementation and data tracking. Students do not attend on this day. This day has been strategically placed alongside the long weekend, recognising that many of our families take this opportunity to travel.

## Upcoming Dates

### Week 5

- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> May - School board meeting
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Cross Country.
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Year 5/6 Assembly
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - P & C Appreciation day

### Week 6

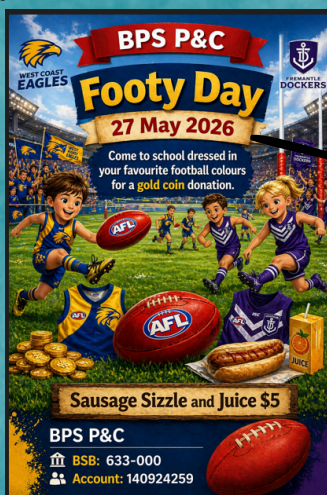
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Footy Clinic - Incursion and P&C footy dress up day.
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Staff Development day. (Home day for students)



**SIPS & SCOOPS**  
COFFEE & ICE CREAM

**Coffee van for  
Cross Country.  
From 8:30am@  
the school**

See back of newsletter for price list



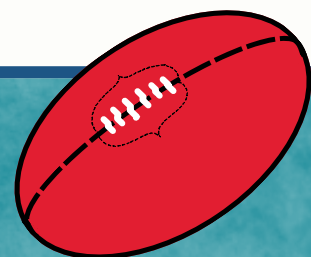
## Year 6 Sewing Project

Our Year 6 students have been busy learning to sew and quilt, creating a beautiful small bag as a special Mother's Day gift for their Mum or special person on 10 May. The students generously gave up their own time during recess and lunch, as well as some music and art lessons, to learn these new skills with Mrs McQuade. Their commitment, effort and newly developed sewing skills were fantastic, and we hope that their Mums and special people loved receiving such a thoughtful, handmade gift.



## Country Football Clinic

On 6 May, students enjoyed a fantastic Country Football Clinic held at our school. Two sessions were run on the day, with Pre-Primary to Year 2 students participating in the first session, followed by Years 3–6. The clinics focused on learning the fundamentals of Australian Rules Football in a fun, inclusive and engaging environment. Students had a wonderful time developing their football skills, teamwork and confidence while staying active. We thank Reece Herod from WA Football for providing these free clinics and for supporting our students' love of sport and physical activity.





## Bee Incursion Buzz!

Our school was buzzing with excitement during a recent bee incursion—and what a fantastic learning experience it was! Students across the school had the opportunity to observe live bees safely in a secure observation case, explore a range of products made from beeswax, and learn about the fascinating life cycle of a bee.

They also discovered the important roles different bees play within a hive and even enjoyed sampling some delicious honey. Back in class, students continued their learning by diving deeper into all things bees, so be sure to ask them what they discovered—they'll have plenty to share!

As part of the experience, students also made their own beeswax candles. A big thank you to Messines Bee Farm for visiting our school and providing such an engaging and memorable learning experience for our students!



# Science Engineering Challenge

Our Year 5/6 students recently enjoyed a wonderful excursion to a Science & Engineering Challenge Day, where they proudly represented Balingup Primary School. Throughout the day, students took part in a range of engaging, hands-on challenges and demonstrated outstanding problem-solving skills, resilience, and teamwork—scoring points in every activity they attempted!

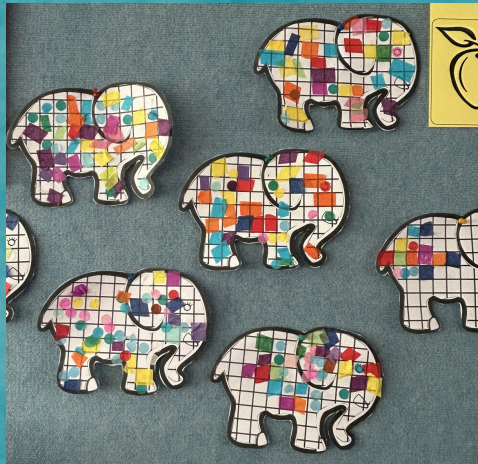
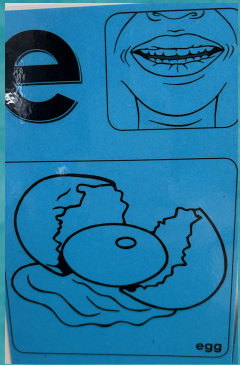
Travelling on the new Greenbushes school bus, students were accompanied by Mrs Douglas and Mrs Morton, who were delighted with the enthusiasm and positive attitude shown by all. Students returned full of excitement, reporting a fantastic day filled with fun, collaboration, and plenty of valuable learning experiences.

We are very proud of the way our students embraced the challenges and represented our school with such spirit.

## Year 5/6



# Learning in Kindy / Pre Primary



## Current Leader Board

# Premier's Reading Challenge



Student	No of Books
Heath	22
Hazel	21
Matilda	18
Alice	18
Harper	17
Octavia	9
Indy	4
Charlee	3

## Mentoring at Balingup

We are very excited to welcome a new mentor to Balingup Primary School through the Ed-Connect program, coordinated by Mrs Taylor. Mrs Jen R will be working with students in a mentoring role. Please make sure you say 'hello' and welcome her when you see her around the school.



### A little bit from Mrs R

I have been an educator for many years, specialising in diverse learners with complex needs. Having recently moved to Balingup, I wanted to volunteer in a meaningful way and Balingup Primary seemed like the logical fit. I hope to meet lots of students over the coming years and hopefully make a heartfelt contribution to some of those that I am lucky enough to meet. I am looking forward to being a part of the Balingup Primary School community.

## Principal's Award



### Alice Crombie

Alice consistently demonstrates our PBS attribute of **Respect** in everything she does. She is always polite and attentive toward teachers, listens carefully, and follows expectations with maturity and kindness. When on excursions, Alice represents our school beautifully, showing respect to adults, peers, and members of the wider community.

We are so proud of the positive example Alice sets for others each day. Well done, Alice – keep up the fantastic work!



### John Miller

John consistently shows wonderful Joy and Zest for Learning. It is a delight to see him choosing to read during break times, especially enjoying his Treehouse story books. John approaches his learning with enthusiasm and a positive attitude, and he is always trying his best in all that he does. We are so proud of John's love for learning and the effort he brings to school each day. Well done, John – keep that fantastic enthusiasm shining!



### Rose Harlow

Rose Harlow is awarded this Principal's Award for consistently demonstrating the school attributes of Pride and Respect. Rose always treats others with kindness and respect and takes pride in being a positive member of our school community. She is a wonderful role model for her peers and sets a high standard for others to follow.

# SIPS

## HOT SIPS

	S	M	L
Espresso	4.00		
Macchiato	4.00		
Cappuccino	5.00	6.00	7.00
Latte	5.00	6.00	7.00
Flat White	5.00	6.00	7.00
Mocha	5.00	6.00	7.00
Chai Latte	5.00	6.00	7.00
<i>Dirty Chai Latte</i>	5.00	6.00	7.00
Hot Chocolate	5.00	6.00	7.00
Long Black	5.00	6.00	7.00
English Breakfast Tea	4.00	5.00	6.00

## GOLD SIPS

	M	L
Iced Latte	7.00	8.00
Iced Mocha	7.00	8.00
Iced Chocolate	7.00	8.00

## EXTRAS

	S / M / L
Extra Shot	1.00
Alternative Milk	1.00
<i>almond, oat, lactose free, soy</i>	
Syrups	1.00
<i>vanilla, caramel, hazelnut</i>	
Cream / Ice Cream	1.00

# SCOOPS

its always a good time for  
ice cream

## CONE OR CUP?

*Waffle Cone* 1.00

## SINGLE SCOOP OR DOUBLING DOWN?

*1 Scoop* 6.00

*2 Scoops* 9.00

## FOUND A FAVOURITE FLAVOUR?

*choose from our indulgent selection  
of ice cream, gelatos and sorbets!*

// GF, DF, V options available //



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Coffee Van on site for the Cross  
Country.

At Balingup PS from 8:30am