



Fortnightly Newsletter

Term 2 Week 6

Note from the Principal

Over the past fortnight, it has been wonderful to see the rich variety of learning and community experiences taking place at Balingup Primary School. From our Cross Country event, which showcased perseverance and school spirit, to engaging learning opportunities such as VEX Robotics and National Simultaneous Storytime, our students have continued to demonstrate enthusiasm, resilience, and a willingness to challenge themselves. Events like Footy Colours Day have also brought a great sense of fun and connection across the school.

I would like to sincerely thank our parents, grandparents, carers, and community members for your ongoing engagement and support. Whether attending events, cheering on students, or contributing to our strong sense of community, your involvement makes a real difference and is greatly appreciated.

Our new school website is now live. You can visit it at:

<https://balingupprimaryschool.wa.edu.au>

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable long weekend.



2027

Kindergarten Enrolments Now Open

Parents and carers are encouraged to enrol their child by 25 July to secure a place in our 2027 Kindergarten program at Balingup Primary School.

To be eligible, children must be 4 years old by 30 June 2027.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a school tour, please contact the Balingup Primary School Administration Office on (08 97825900).

For further information, including enrolment forms, please visit our website: (<https://balingupprimaryschool.wa.edu.au/>)



Upcoming Dates

Week 7

Monday 1st June - Public Holiday
Friday 5th June - Interschool Cross
Country - Selected Students

Week 8

June 9th - WCE Football Clinic.



Cross Country at BPS

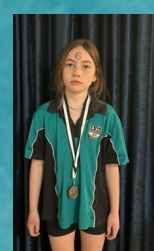
Our recent Cross Country event was a wonderful celebration of participation, perseverance, and community spirit. Students gave their all out on the course, demonstrating determination and sportsmanship every step of the way, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. The day was made even more special by the fantastic community atmosphere, with families and supporters coming together to cheer on our runners. A big thank you to the Sips and Scoops coffee van for attending and adding to the warm and welcoming environment. It was a truly memorable event for all involved.



Cross Country - Results



	Champion Boy	Champion Girl	Runner Up Boy	Runner Up Girl
Pre Primary	Oaklie Blum	Kehlani Grey	Wolfe Logan	Maeve Higgins
Year 1	Reef Lee	Nikita Miller	Ari Betts	
Year 2	Asher Millington	Alice Crombie	Arthur Leaver	Sunny Clarke
Year 3	Aries Sinclair-Todd	Octavia Haywood	Chais Blum	Astrid Hicks
Year 4	Bohdi Jewell	Chloe Leam	Arlo Schoppe	Rose Harlow
Year 5	Indy Neil	Jasmin Smith	Heath Haywood	Ivy Vitali
Year 6		Sophie Dellar		



West Oz Wildlife



Wildlife Incursion at Balingup Primary School

By Sophie Dellar

On Monday, 25 May 2026, after recess, our class and my brother Dusty's class were very excited to take part in a wildlife incursion at Balingup Primary School. The session was run by Jordan, the owner of West OZ Wildlife.

The first animal we met was an adorable koala named Hazel. We learned that she eats gum leaves and eucalyptus leaves, which are actually poisonous to most animals. Koalas are the only animals that can safely eat them because of their amazing stomachs—this fact really surprised me!

Next, we saw two pythons named Ginger and Rex. Ginger was the longest snake they owned.

We were lucky enough to hold Rex. At first, I was a bit nervous because he tried to wrap around my neck, but Jordan explained that he was just cold and using my body warmth to stay warm.

After the snakes, we met a bobtail lizard named Toothless. He had very thick scales to protect him from predators, and he can stick out his bright blue tongue to trick animals into thinking he is poisonous.

My favourite animal of all was the adorable sugar glider. They are nocturnal marsupials with huge eyes, a pink nose, and special flaps between their legs and arms that help them glide through the air.

This incursion was so interesting and fun. I wish we could do it every year!



Football Colours Day!

Our Footy Colours Day was a fantastic celebration of team spirit, with students proudly coming to school dressed in their favourite team's colours— even Pippa got in on the action! While the planned football clinic was unfortunately cancelled, the fun certainly continued. Ms Streeter organised an energetic game of “King of the Pack”, while Mrs McQuade led an engaging football-inspired circuit, creating a friendly competition between classes.



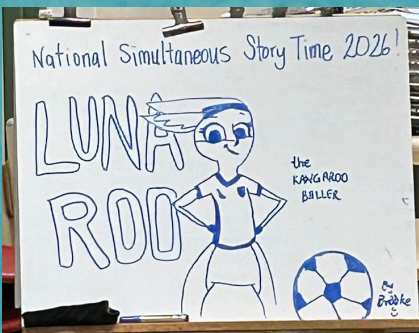
Congratulations to our winning champions: John (Years 5/6), Astrid (Years 3/4), and Sunny (PP-2). Many students then enjoyed a delicious lunch kindly provided by the P&C, followed by the opportunity to relax together and watch a football game on the big screen in the hall. A wonderful day of fun, teamwork, and school spirit!



National Simultaneous Storytime

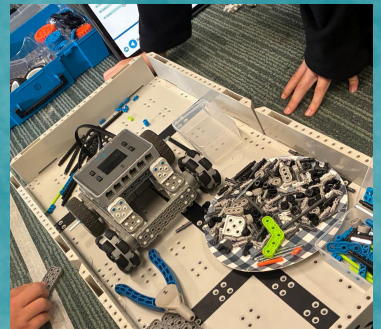
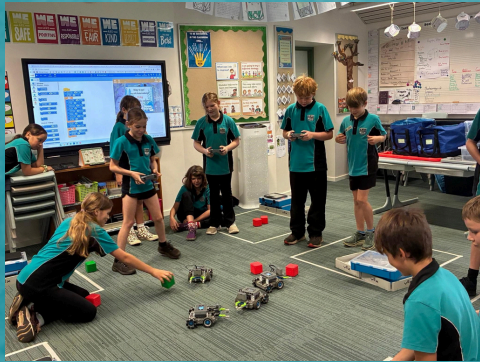
On Wednesday 27 May, our students joined in the nationwide celebration of National Simultaneous Storytime. The event was brought to life through the engaging and expressive storytelling of Ms Streeter, who captivated students from beginning to end.

It was wonderful to see our school community come together to share in the joy of reading, imagination, and storytelling alongside schools and libraries across Australia.



VEX Robots

A big thank you to Mr Clarke from East Manjimup for visiting our school and introducing students to VEX Robotics. Students thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on experience, successfully building a simple “Clawbot” and putting their creations to the test in exciting races and a robotics game of Rob the Nest. They also explored Virtual Robotics (VR VEX), developing their coding skills in an online environment. Throughout the session, students demonstrated excellent resilience and perseverance, while also supporting and celebrating each other’s achievements. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm for learning and teamwork in action.



Principal’s Award

Week 5

Lenny



Lenny is awarded this Principal’s Award for consistently demonstrating the school attributes of joy and zest. Lenny approaches his learning with a positive attitude and brings enthusiasm to all that he does. Lenny’s joyful approach to learning is inspiring to others and contributes to a positive and vibrant school environment.

Week 6

Oaklie



Oaklie, you are to be commended for the outstanding teamwork you demonstrated during Cross Country. You consistently showed kindness and compassion towards your fellow runners, taking the time to support those who were unsure of the course and guiding them in the right direction. Your willingness to help others, even while competing, reflects true sportsmanship and a strong sense of community. Well done, Oaklie, for embodying the spirit of teamwork and for making a positive difference to those around you. We are very proud of you.