



Note from the *Principal*

We have had a wonderful start to Term 3, with students and staff returning refreshed, motivated, and ready for a busy and exciting term ahead.

During the school holidays, several projects were completed around the school. We have made significant progress on our new sensory space, which will soon be ready for students to enjoy. A huge thank you to Mark

Collins, uncle of Sophie and Dusty Dellar, who generously volunteered his time to complete gyprock work in the sensory room. We would also like to thank Mrs Maugher, who spent part of her holidays painting and helping prepare the space. We are incredibly grateful for the support of our school community in bringing this project to life.

The students' work displayed at Telling Tales was a great success. I have received many wonderful comments from community members about the quality of the students' work and the pride with which it represented our school.

Week 2 was an especially busy and rewarding week. We proudly hosted our first NAIDOC event, which was a tremendous success. This day would not have been possible without the support and involvement of students and staff from Newton Moore Senior High School and the Education Support Centre. Thank you for helping us create such a meaningful and memorable experience for our students.

On Thursday, our excursion to Bunbury was enjoyed by all. Students were captivated by the performance of Aliwah Bardinar before burning off plenty of energy during a fantastic play session at the Bunbury Big Swamp Playground. We are incredibly thankful for the support of the Balingup Progress Association, whose generous financial contribution helped make attendance at the performance possible. A special thank you also goes to Greenbushes Primary School for kindly lending us their bus, and to Ms Gray for driving and ensuring our students travelled safely.

I would like to thank our staff, students, families, and broader community for their ongoing support. It has been a fantastic start to the term, and we look forward to all the learning, growth, and opportunities that lie ahead.

Term 3 - Week 2



Upcoming Dates

Week 3

Year 4 PEAC testing
6th Aug - Dragon Making with Ros for the medieval festival.

Week 4

Week 5

18th Aug - Science Fair at GPS
20th Aug - School Board Meeting.



NAIDOC at Balingup



NAIDOC Day

BY KAILEB



On week two of term three, the whole school participated in a NAIDOC incursion. A few students from Newton Moore Senior High School came down from Bunbury to share some NAIDOC activities.

Firstly, we went to a whole-school assembly. One of the students from Newton Moore Senior High School played the didgeridoo.

After the assembly, we all went to a school morning tea.

After that, Mrs McQuade announced the five groups of students for the rotations, which were artefacts, Aboriginal flag cookie making, scratch art, face painting, and Indigenous creation stories around a fire. My group was called Fasco.

The first activity we did was the Indigenous creation stories. The creation stories were read by Mrs Blake. The next activity was artefacts. A student named Chris and a teacher named Mr Skoda shared information with us, such as how artefacts were made, how they made their tools, and what they used to make their tools.

Then my group did face painting. They used the end of a paintbrush to make dots on my face so they could create patterns in the Aboriginal flag colours.

Then we went to the Aboriginal art activity. We got to scratch out a boomerang and an animal of our choice. I chose an emu.

Finally, we went to the cookie making activity. We got plain biscuits and then put a mixture of water and sugar on top of them. We then used icing to make them look like the Aboriginal flag.

All in all, everyone enjoyed the rotations. I think the favourites were the Aboriginal art and the cookies. Personally, my favourite was the artefacts.





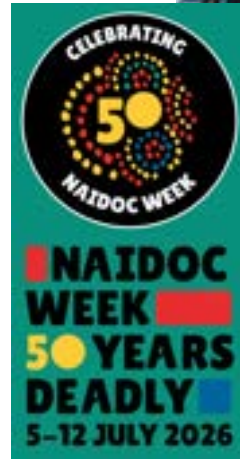
Face Art



Biscuit Making



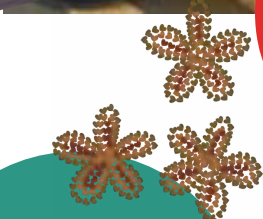
Aboriginal Art



Artifacts



Dreamtime Story Telling



Staff updates - Some new faces

Education Assistant - Sue Percival

Ms Percival will be joining Room 3 for four days a week, from Monday to Thursday. She is a very experienced EA and brings a wealth of knowledge and skills to BPS. When Ms Percival is not working at BPS, you will find her on her property with her two horses, which she adores.



Education Assistant - Jen Reglar

Mrs R is a familiar face around Balingup Primary, as she has been mentoring some Year 5 students. She will also be joining us for four mornings each week to provide additional support across Rooms 2 and 3.



Work Placement Student - Matilda Stevenson

Matilda is currently completing her Certificate IV Education Assistant work placement in the Kindy classroom. Having finished school, she is now working towards her qualifications to become an Education Assistant. Matilda is with us on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



Principal's Award

Week 1



Harper Hughes is a deserving recipient of the Principal's Award for consistently demonstrating the PBS attributes of Kindness and Gratitude. Harper treats others with care and respect, always showing consideration for classmates and staff.

A TRIP TO BREC

By Jasmin

Thank you to
Balingup
Progress
Association

Yesterday (the 30th of July 2026), my school and I visited the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre (BREC) and watched the Aliwah Bardinar performance, Look Out Rosella. On the bus ride to BREC, which was about an hour, my friends and I played rock-paper-scissors for quite a while. When we finally arrived at BREC, we found our seats, the lights went out, and the performance started. The performance was about a rosella finding his colours.

After the performance, we took the bus to the Big Swamp Wildlife Park, where we had our packed lunch and snacks. After we ate our food, we went and played at the park for around 30 minutes, then started the trip back to Balingup. When we got back, we had half an hour of free time, then it was home time.



Big Swamp
Play Ground!

