



Note from the *Principal*

Term 3 has certainly been a busy one, and weeks 6 and 7 were no exception! Students and staff have been incredibly busy participating in a wide range of events and opportunities.

Our Year 5/6 students, in particular, have had a very full schedule, representing our school at the Speak Up! event, the Vex Robotics Competition, the Creek Play performance at East Manjimup, and the Hockey Carnival. It has been wonderful to see all of our students representing Balingup Primary School with such positive attitudes and consistently demonstrating our school values and attributes. We are very proud of the way they conduct themselves when out in the community.

During week 7, we took the opportunity to celebrate our amazing Education Assistants and support staff. They were treated to a special morning tea and some well-deserved treats. The P&C also kindly shouted them a coffee. Thank you to our P&C for this thoughtful gesture and for helping us recognise the invaluable contribution our support staff make to our school each and every day.

Term 3 has also been particularly challenging with the number of illnesses circulating within our community. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to our incredible staff for their flexibility and teamwork during this time. Their willingness to adapt, combine classes and make last-minute changes to planned events has ensured that learning and school operations have continued smoothly. I would also like to thank our families for keeping students at home when they are unwell. Your support is greatly appreciated. As a working mum of four children myself, I understand how challenging this can be.

As we head into the final two weeks of Term 3, I would like to draw your attention to a couple of important upcoming events. Our Emergency Services Expo will be held on Wednesday, 16 September. A huge thank you to Mary, our Chaplain, for coordinating this wonderful event. The coffee van will also be on site, so please take the opportunity to pop in, enjoy a coffee and have a look around the expo.

I would also like to let families know that I will be on Long Service Leave during Week 10. During this time, Miss Blake will be stepping into the role of Principal. Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with her. Finally, I would like to thank our students, staff and families for another fantastic term. I look forward to seeing everyone back after the holidays, hopefully in full health and enjoying some warmer weather, refreshed and ready to tackle all that Term 4 has to offer.

Week 9

Wed 16th - Emergency Expo 12:30-2:30pm

Wed 16th - Year 5/6 Girls in STEM excursion

Thurs 17th - Assembly. Year pp/1/2 room. 2:15pm

Week 10

Friday 25th - Last day of Term 3

Creek Play at East Manjimup Primary

On Tuesday, 1st of September, our Year 6 students were invited to East Manjimup Primary School to take part in their annual Creek Play event. This special opportunity forms part of our Year 6 camp preparation, allowing students to spend time getting to know the Year 6 students they will be attending camp with in Term 4.

Unfortunately, two of our Year 6 students were unwell and unable to attend. Asta and Riley proudly represented Balingup Primary School and enjoyed a fantastic day of outdoor learning and connection. Riley was especially excited to reconnect with the Year 5/6 class, as he will be joining the Balingup Primary students at the Year 6 camp later this year.

The day provided a wonderful opportunity for students to build friendships and confidence ahead of their camp experience.

The Year 6 camp is a week-long event held in November. The itinerary is jam-packed with exciting activities and excursions, including trips to Rottnest Island, Adventure World and many other fantastic destinations. Our students are eagerly looking forward to this memorable experience and the opportunity to create lasting friendships and memories.



Speak Up Finals



On Friday, 4th of September, Charlee and Sophie travelled to Manjimup to compete in the Speak Up Finals.

In the weeks leading up to the event, students in Years 5 and 6 participated in class speech competitions. Charlee achieved the highest-scoring Year 5 speech, while Sophie was the highest-scoring Year 6 speech, earning both students the opportunity to represent Balingup Primary School at the finals.

Charlee impressed the audience with her speech, "Why Snakes Are the Best", while Sophie confidently shared her thoughts on "Siblings".

Both students represented Balingup Primary School outstandingly, demonstrating confidence, preparation, and excellent public speaking skills. We are especially excited to share and congratulate Sophie on being awarded 2nd place in the Year 6 competition.

Well done to both girls for being incredibly brave and taking part in the Speak Up event. We are very proud of their efforts and the way they represented our school.

Visit from the Skipperoo's



On the 3rd of September, our school welcomed 15 Skipperoo students from East Manjimup in years 4 to 6. The group delivered an exciting skipping demonstration, showcasing impressive skills, teamwork and enthusiasm. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the performance and were inspired by the visitor's talent and dedication. The event was a wonderful opportunity to promote physical activity and healthy lifestyles while encouraging students to challenge themselves and try new skills.

Thankyou to the Skipperoo students and staff for an engaging and memorable visit.



Emergency Services Expo



On Wednesday 16th of September, we are excited to invite students, parents and families to our upcoming Emergency Services Expo from 12:00pm until 2:30pm.

The event will be a great learning experience for all.

Families can enjoy a sausage sizzle and raffle while a coffee van will be available from 12:30pm. Students can also purchase ice-cream with their parents from 2:30pm.

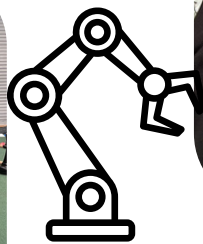
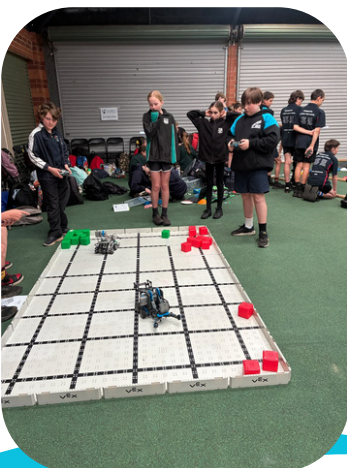
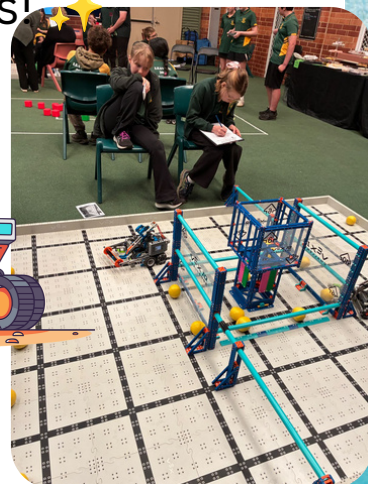
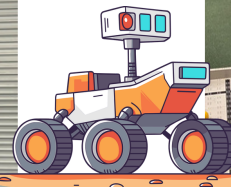
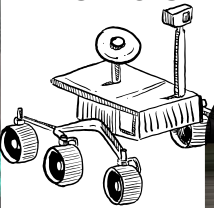
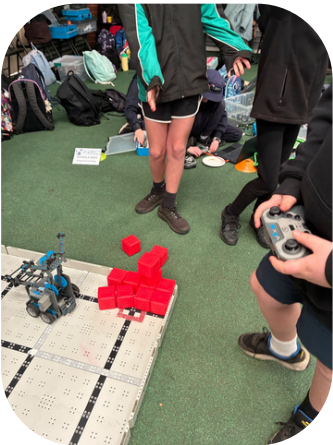
We look forward to seeing everyone there for an enjoyable and educational afternoon!

Vex Robotics Competition

On the 9th of September, we had a fantastic representation of our school at the VEX Robotics Competition. Zoey, Kalieb, Naia, and Jasmin competed against nine schools and achieved an impressive 4th place.

The team worked incredibly hard, demonstrating excellent teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving skills throughout the competition. Their enthusiasm and dedication were fantastic to see and reflected the values of our school.

Congratulations to the entire team on this wonderful achievement. We are very proud of your efforts and success! ✨





Hockey Carnival at Greenbushes Primary

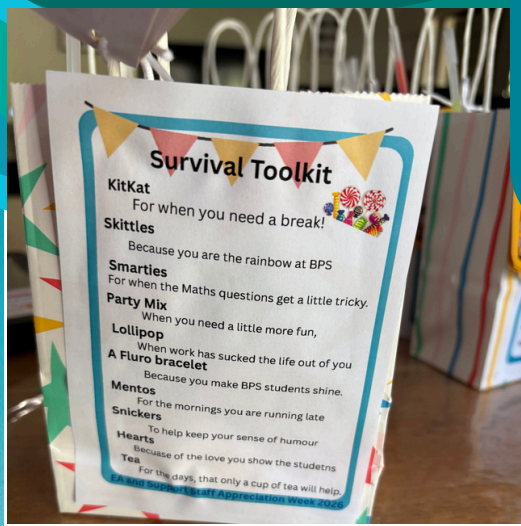
On Friday, 11th of September, Balingup Primary School had the opportunity to attend the Minky Hockey Carnival at Greenbushes Primary School.

Students worked together and supported one another throughout the competition.

Balingup Primary School achieved fantastic result, finishing 4th and 7th. Despite late changes, due to several students being unwell, the students turned up with great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship. It was a great day. We would like to give a big thank you to all the parents for their support and help throughout the event. A particular shout out and big thank you to Tania Haywood, who volunteered to coach one of our teams for the day.



EA and Support Staff Appreciation Day



On Tuesday, the 8th of September, we took the opportunity to celebrate and recognise the outstanding contributions of our wonderful Education Assistants and support staff here at Balingup Primary School.

These dedicated team members play a vital role in the daily life of our school, providing invaluable support to students, teachers, and families. Their commitment, care, and professionalism help create a positive and inclusive learning environment where all students can thrive.

We are grateful for the endless effort they put in each day to make a positive and lasting impact on our school community. Their hard work often happens behind the scenes, but it never goes unnoticed. Thank you to all our Education Assistants and support staff. Your dedication and contributions are truly appreciated and highly valued.



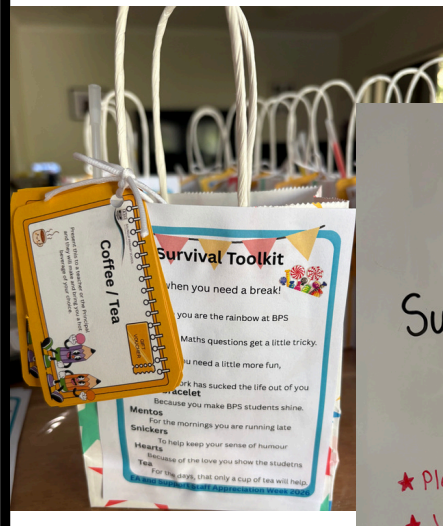
Principals Award

Week 6

Mikayla Barr



Mikayla consistently demonstrates the school attributes of Joy and Zest through her positive attitude, enthusiastic participation, and willingness to embrace every opportunity with a smile. Her energy and optimism are contagious, helping to create a happy and welcoming environment for those around her. Mikayla's commitment to bringing her best each day makes her a deserving recipient of the Principal's Award.



Happy EA and Support Staff Appreciation Day!!

★ Please take your gift from the table
★ Join us for morning tea
★ P+C have paid for your Coffee today.
(Please give your order to Mary!)