BALINGUP PRIMARY SCHOOL
An Independent Public School

PBS Focus
Team Work

Term 4 Week 6

Note from the Principal

As we move closer to the end of another wonderful school year, our calendar is filling with several important events and celebrations. I encourage families to mark these dates in their diaries and join us as we celebrate our students' achievements and learning.

Reporting to Parents Afternoon

Our Reporting to Parents Afternoon will be held on Wednesday, 9 December. Students will finish school at 11:30am to allow teachers time to meet with families. Teachers will be in contact via ClassDojo to arrange meeting times. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their successes, and plan for future learning. We strongly encourage all families to attend.

Christmas Choir Performances

On Thursday, 10 December, our students will be spreading some Christmas cheer with performances in the Balingup Town Centre and at Vintage. We would love parents, grandparents, and community members to come along and enjoy the festive songs our students have been working hard to prepare. These performances are always a highlight of the season and a wonderful way to celebrate the spirit of Christmas together.

Year 6 Graduation

Our Year 6 Graduation Ceremony will take place on Monday, 14 December at 9:15am. This is a significant milestone for our graduating students, and we would love all school families to join us in celebrating this special occasion. Following the ceremony, our Year 6 students will head to Bunbury for a well-deserved day of fun at Milky Lane and Timezone as they mark the end of their primary school journey.

End of Year Concert and Awards Presentation

Our whole-school End of Year Concert and Awards Presentation will be held on Wednesday, 16 December at 4:00pm. This event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the many achievements of our students throughout 2026. We look forward to showcasing student performances and recognising the efforts, growth, and success of our students across the year.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of our school. We look forward to sharing these special events with you and celebrating the achievements of our students and school community.

Vanessa McQuade
Principal
Balingup Primary School



14th December 9am
Year 6 Graduation Assembly

16th December 4pm
Whole School End of year Assembly

Important Dates Term 4

Week 8
PP-Yr 6 Swimming lessons

Week 9
Wednesday 9 December from 11:30am
Early Close- Reporting to parent meetings

Week 10
Thurday 17 December Last Day for students

SciTech Visit





On Friday, 6 November, Balingup Primary School welcomed Beth and Isaac (AKA Bandana Man) from SciTech for an exciting day of science and discovery.

Beth presented an engaging science show exploring substances in different states of matter. She used a stick of ignition to identify gases and solids, as well as UV lights and an onion smoothie to demonstrate pH levels and the properties of liquids. Using a special catalyst (described as a 'liquid of speedy-upping'), she demonstrated how hydrogen peroxide can be broken down into water and oxygen gas.

Isaac (Bandana Man) led hands-on workshops where students explored engineering skills. Working with limited materials, students were challenged to design and build structures capable of withstanding a simulated earthquake. Whether their structures remained standing or toppled during testing, students learned the importance of testing, refining and improving their designs (a process known as iteration). They also developed their problem-solving skills and perseverance when faced with challenges.

It was a fantastic day of learning, experimentation and discovery, with students enjoying the opportunity to explore science and engineering in such an interactive way.













Interactive National Gallery of Australia Art Cases Tour

Nakasha D'Souza from the National Gallery of Australia (NGA) visited Room 5 to guide students through an interactive exploration of artworks from the Past, Present and Future Art Case.

Students had the opportunity to ask questions, share their observations and reflect on the artworks, considering how each piece made them think and feel.

The *Arms of the People* challenged students to consider the contrast between war and childhood, while *Stockman and Horse* delighted them with David Wallace's creative use of everyday materials to capture the experiences of the artists.

One of the most thought-provoking and divisive artworks was *The Offering* by Patricia Piccinini. This piece prompted strong reactions, with some students feeling physically repelled as they explored challenging ideas surrounding nature, beauty and acceptance.

It was a wonderful experience for students to see and handle these artworks in person. The opportunity to engage so closely with the pieces encouraged curiosity, discussion and thoughtful reflection.







The Past, Present and Future Art Case brings together works that reflect on or are invested with the passing of time. These forms could be time itself, the human experience of history, or the influence of events in determining the possible future. Exploring the past, present and future in insightful ways, the works in this case allow audiences to engage with specific moments in history and speculative futures. From futuristic creatures to bronze sculptures of worship, the Past, Present and Future case asks us to consider our personal relationship with history and the future we are making together.

Art Cases -
National Gallery of Australia







Remembrance Day

Since World War I, Australians have been called on many times to serve in wars, conflicts, and peace and humanitarian operations.

More than 2 million people have served Australia in wars, conflicts and peace operations since 1914.
Remembrance Day is a time for Australians to unite in solemn respect and remembrance for all those who died or suffered.

Remembrance Day was originally called 'Armistice Day', and 2 minutes of silence was observed for the first time at 11 am on 11 November 1919 to remember those who had died during World War I.

Prime Minister Billy Hughes said at the time:
'Of their deeds it is not necessary for me to speak. Of their valour, endurance and resource at Gallipoli, Pozieres, Baupaume and other famous fields, men still speak with awe.'

After World War II, the Australian Government agreed to the United Kingdom's proposal to rename Armistice Day to 'Remembrance Day', to commemorate and remember those who were killed in both World Wars. On remembrance Day, we remember the loss of Australian lives from all wars and conflicts.



Thank you to the Year 5 students who gave the PA announcement to share the reason for Remembrance day, the Ode and lead us in a minute silence.

- Heath
- John
- Jasmin
- Ivy
- Charlee
- Pearl





Welcome Miss Davis

Miss Chloe Davis has been joining Room 5 in weeks 5 ,6 and 7 as part her Education Assistant training. She is working towards her Certificate 3 in School Based Education through Regional Tafe. Chloe lives locally and her son attends Kindy at Balingup Primary School. She has enjoyed helping out with the year 5 and 6s and has found it a meaningful learning experience.

Music Assembly

On Tuesday 17 November, our school community was treated to a wonderful Music Assembly, expertly coordinated by our Music Teacher, Mrs Mandry. Students from Pre-Primary through to Year 6 proudly showcased the skills and knowledge they have developed throughout the year, delighting the audience with a range of engaging musical performances.

The assembly commenced with our PP/1/2 students weaving their way around the room to Carnivalito by Shenanigans, setting a joyful and energetic tone for the event. Students then shared their understanding of two important musical concepts, beat and rhythm. Jasmin explained that throughout the year students have explored many aspects of music, with a particular focus on these foundational elements. The audience was invited to join in as students demonstrated that a beat is a steady pulse, while rhythm is made up of long and short notes that move on top of the beat.

Our Year 3/4 students showcased how poems can be used to help develop rhythm skills, sharing an impressive example with the audience. The assembly concluded with a whole-school performance of Hot Cross Buns, featuring students playing recorders, xylophones, glockenspiels and claves, while the Year 3/4 students provided the vocals. It was wonderful to see every student involved and working together to create such a memorable performance.

A huge thank you to Mrs Mandry for her passion, dedication and hard work in providing our students with rich musical experiences throughout the year. The confidence, enthusiasm and talent displayed by our students were a credit to her efforts and to the commitment of all our young musicians.









Year 6 Camp



Our Year 6 students, Sophie, Riley, Naia and Asta, enjoyed an amazing week away at camp during Week 5, joining students from East Manjimup Primary School for an action-packed and memorable experience.

The students participated in a wide range of exciting activities, including Scitech, laser tag, a trip to the movies, Rottnest Island, bowling, swimming, bike riding, the Ferris wheel, dinner at Cicerello's, a visit to the Perth Mint, and a fantastic final day at Adventure World. While every activity was thoroughly enjoyed, all students agreed that Adventure World was the highlight of the camp.



The week provided many opportunities for students to challenge themselves, develop their independence, and build friendships with students from other schools. Most importantly, Sophie, Riley, Naia and Asta represented Balingup Primary School exceptionally well throughout the camp. They demonstrated respect, resilience, and positive attitudes at every opportunity, making them a pleasure to take away on camp.

We are incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves and have no doubt that the experiences, friendships and adventures from the week will create lifelong memories. A big thank you to the staff from both schools who helped make this wonderful opportunity possible. 😊🏝️🎡🎳🌊

















Waste Sorted Grant Success

We are thrilled to announce that Balingup Primary School has been awarded a $4,353 WasteSorted Schools Grant to support our ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability. The funding will be used to purchase colour-coded waste stations for classrooms, educational signage, and paper briquette moulds, allowing students to recycle waste paper into reusable briquettes and further develop their understanding of waste reduction and recycling.

These resources will provide valuable hands-on learning opportunities and help embed sustainable practices across our school. Through this project, students will be encouraged to take an active role in caring for our environment while developing lifelong habits that support a cleaner, greener future.

We would like to sincerely thank the WasteSorted Schools Program and the Western Australian Government for their generous support of our sustainability initiatives. Their investment will enable our students to make a meaningful difference within our school and the wider community. [wa.gov.au]

A special thank you must also go to our Sustainability Committee members who worked behind the scenes to prepare and submit the grant application. We are incredibly grateful to Miss Hughes, Miss Blackman, Mrs Morgan, Miss Streeter and Mrs McQuade for their dedication and effort in securing this funding opportunity for our students and school.

We look forward to sharing our progress and celebrating the positive environmental impact this project will have at Balingup Primary School. 🌱♻️

Principal's Award

Week 5



Octavia

Congratulations, Octavia, on receiving this Principal's Award for demonstrating the PBS attribute of Teamwork at our recent Sports Carnival. You consistently supported and encouraged your teammates, showed excellent sportsmanship, and worked cooperatively with others throughout the day. Your positive attitude and willingness to help wherever needed made you a wonderful team member and a great role model for others. Well done, Octavia! 👏🏅

Week 6

Sienna



Sienna has demonstrated the PBS attribute of Joy and Zest for Learning through her enthusiastic approach to all learning opportunities. She consistently brings a positive attitude to the classroom,Sienna's excitement for learning helps create a happy and engaging environment for everyone. Congratulations, Sienna, on being a wonderful role model for Joy and Zest for Learning! 🏆👏📚