



Baler Bulletin

Term 2 Week 5 2020

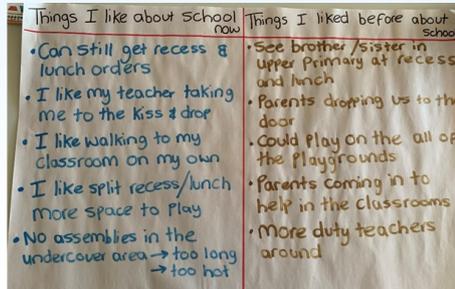


Dear Parents / Guardians,

This would have to be one of the strangest starts to a term that I have ever experienced! In fact, I am sure that you will all agree that it has been a very unusual year to date, however through all of the Covid-19 angst and genuine concerns one thing that has shone through is the strength and support of our school community. The students have been amazing, the teachers have been amazing, parents have been amazing and so supportive. As a school community we should be very proud – yes we have had challenges and will continue to do so but together we are stronger.

I want to thank you again for your support. The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting our entire community and has presented us with extraordinary challenges in managing schooling during the first half of 2020. I am pleased that together, we have been able to make the best of this situation and ensure your child's safety and continuity of learning.

Last Friday I addressed all students and staff via video linkup using Zoom and I asked the children what are some of the things they like about school now with the COVID 19 changes and some of the things they liked about school before. The graphic below is what the students in Osprey 5 said ...



The resilience and independence displayed by our students has been fantastic. It is so heart-warming to watch older siblings escorting younger siblings, and Year 1's (and younger) trotting off to their classes unescorted. I actually think the parents have been more worried than the children - be proud of your children and celebrate their new found independence – yes your 'babies' are growing up.

Baler has had wonderful attendance since compulsory schooling recommenced on the 18th May. In fact, we now have 91% of our students back at school. This is something to celebrate however I have noticed that over the last three Fridays that our attendance slips back and it seems that families are taking the opportunity to go camping or have a long weekend. I do understand that as restrictions were lifted that this was a natural reaction however after this upcoming long weekend which stretches over four days I do ask families to have a renewed focus on their child's education and maintain attendance at school from Monday to Friday.

kindest Regards
Karen Burgess



Baler Admin Staff come prepared for any weather!!



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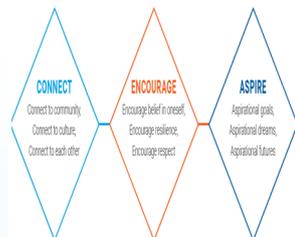
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Our Values



Upcoming events

Fri 29th May
SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Mon 1st June
Public Holiday
Western Australia Day!

Wed 10th 11th 12th June
School Photo Days!



Report

Reports will be issued on Monday June 29. With the regular attendance of many students being lower over this time, the breadth and depth of the curriculum covered throughout Semester 1 may have been reduced. For this reason, schools are not required to include A to E grades on this year's Semester 1 student reports. It also means that your child's attendance may not be reported, and any written comments may provide less information on their progress than usual.

Schooling is once again returning to normal and our students are engaging in the regular curriculum, in their usual classroom environment. Those approved to learn from home are also being supported. Semester 2 reports will reflect this and therefore provide the usual, more detailed information on your child's progress and achievement.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement as we work together to provide the best learning opportunities for our students. As we progress, I'll be sure to keep you updated with any new information.

Buildings

This year continues to be a busy year with a number of building upgrades taking place.

Early Childhood: Many of you will have noticed the beginning construction of our new Early Childhood Centre (ECE). We have some very excited teachers and students waiting to move into this building. We believe this should take place in August.

Administration Upgrade: Following the completion of the ECE building the new Administration upgrade will commence. This will require administration staff to relocate to various locations around the school as of October. Further information in regards to this will follow as we get closer but we will have a temporary reception operating out of one of the transportable classrooms.

Car Park: This has been a source of concern for many families and the school and I am finally excited to announce that with the financial support of the Town of Port Hedland that our carpark upgrade will be taking place later this year. I shared the plans with the School Board this week and all were very much in favour of the new design. We are aiming to have this done over a school holiday period to minimize disruption.

Carpets, Ceilings, Painting and other Maintenance: Many classrooms will be undergoing refurbishments over the next couple of weeks which will require classes to relocate to temporary locations. The timing of this is not ideal however the school has been informed that all works need to be undertaken before the end of the financial year and so we have little flexibility around this. Again we will be calling on our students and teachers to take a growth mindset approach to this and consider the wonderful 'new-like' classrooms they will end up with.

Uniform Shop

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 the Uniform Shop has been unable to operate as normal. To compound this, it is also located in an area of the school that will be undergoing refurbishment and as such due to limited storage at the school is in the process of being shifted off-site. This off-site location will continue until the new Administration Block is completed in 2021 due to the space being required for temporary offices.

Uniform Shop arrangements will be:

- The uniform shop will operate off site
- The new uniform shop coordinator is **Chloe Farrell** – uniformshop.balerpandc@gmail.com
- The hours will be 8:00am - 9:00am Mondays and Wednesdays – this is when orders will be processed and packed.
- Uniforms will be delivered to the canteen for distribution via lunch baskets – or families can negotiate an alternative arrangement with the Coordinator for pick up
- All orders online via Flexi schools or emailing the order form to the uniform shop coordinator - order form is also on school website
- Orders must be paid for when ordering and receipt emailed to the uniform shop coordinator
- Hats will still be available from the canteen – no cash at present – ring the school and ask to speak to the canteen to pay over the telephone
- The school can ring the Coordinator to negotiate uniforms for new families on non-open days to enable enrolments to continue – the school will have some sample sizes for new families to try on prior to ordering.



Baler Learning Club

This term Baler Learning Club students have continued various learning activities but with one big difference...completing them from home! Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions we have been operating via a distance education model, meaning that students complete their activities online or through work packs. This term we have all been working on the problem “how to reduce the waste in our house” and to solve this, students have completed a range of STEM, art and research projects to help their families cut down on waste. Some of the activities have included making solar ovens, compost containers and upcycled art. We are hoping that we will be able to restart face to face Learning Club soon but in the meantime we are having fun sharing these projects with our families and seeing what the students create from home.

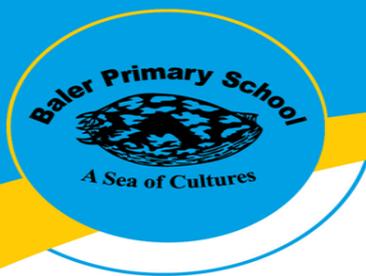


Baler Enrichment Program

Baler Year Four, Five and Six students still have the opportunity to enrich and extend their learning through our Enrichment Program. This term we are focusing on Journalism and Web Design. Journalism students are working on articles to make into a school magazine that will be published at the end of the program. Web Design students are competing in an International Web Design competition and are learning a range of coding techniques that go on behind the scenes of their favourite websites. Those students who took part in the Pastel Art program in Term One, were able to finish their art works that they started. These works will be exhibited around the school for their peers to enjoy.

Mrs Louisa LARADO





National Reconciliation Week

Today is the beginning of Reconciliation week. This morning Baler Primary School took part in the National Acknowledgement of Country to show respect for Traditional Owners and the connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Country. This will help create a more united Australia, as we all walk together towards reconciliation. Thanks to Baler Learning Club for conducting this across the school.

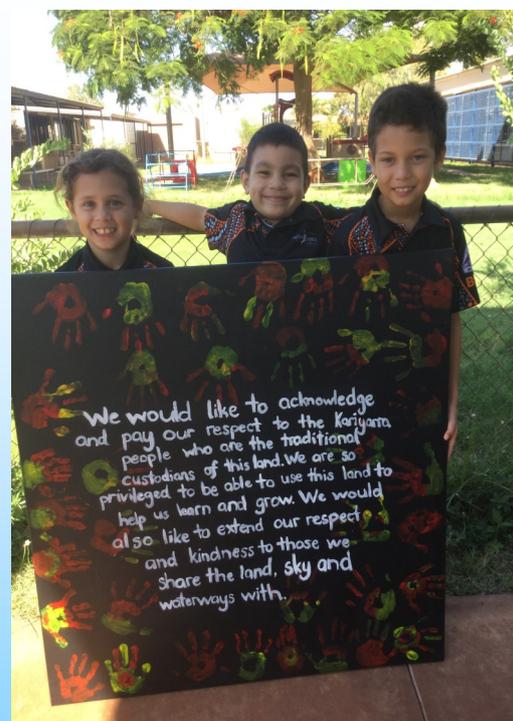
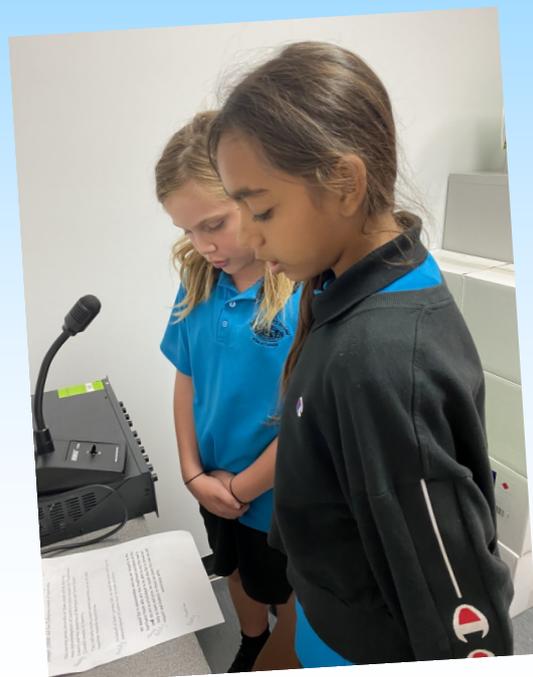
Kind Regards

Louisa Larado

Baler Learning Club Coordinator & Enrichment

Teacher

Baler Primary School



Baler was asked to paint a canvas for the Blue Tree Project to raise awareness of mental health and to highlight that there is always someone in our community who will listen or help. Marlee, Arriyjana and Brriy worked together over two days to complete this painting and put a lot of thought into its presentation. They thought it would be meaningful to have the ocean and Pilbara sunset as the background and wanted the tree to enter from the side and the branches extend out of the frame.

Miss Savannah Timpani
Year 6 Teacher





SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING



School Photo day is approaching! Fotomakers WA will be visiting Baler Primary School on 10th, 11th and 12th June 2020. Every student will receive an envelope. Their name and other individual information (ie. Unique shoot key for on line ordering) is printed on each personalised envelope.

Parents are asked to complete the envelope by marking the order they require and enclosing their payment choice (either cash or cheque inside the envelope or if ordering on line clearly showing the online receipt number on the front of the envelope). Every student must return their envelope on photo day with their order clearly marked, even where payment is made in one envelope for multiple siblings. See your envelope for more information.

Spare envelopes will be held at the school office for any new students or for those who have lost or forgotten their envelope but still wish to purchase photos. Please email or call the school if this is required and it will be sent home with your child.

ALL students will be photographed individually on photography day for school administration records. A second chance to purchase photos will be offered once delivery is made of all initial orders.

Fotomakers WA offer a 100% money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to admin@fotomakerswa.com.au or tel: 1300 876 920

		TERM 2 2020						
		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
April/May	One	27 ANZAC Day Public Holiday	28 School Development Day	29 ANZAC Ceremony will be conducted over the PA system	30	1	2	3
	Two	4	5	6	7	8 Assembly J4 ON HOLD / IN CLASS	9	10
	Three	11	12 NAPLAN Commences	13	14	15	16	17
	Four	18	19	20	21	22 NAPLAN concludes Assembly J1 ON HOLD / IN CLASS	23	24
	Five	25	26 Board Meeting (4:30pm) ON HOLD	27	28	29 School Development Day	30	31
June/July	Six	1 Western Australia Day	2	3	4	5 Faction Athletics Carnival POSTPONED	6	7
	Seven	8	9	10 School Photos (PM)	11 School Photos	12 School Photos Assembly J6 ON HOLD / IN CLASS	13	14
	Eight	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Nine	22	23 Interschool Throws POSTPONED	24	25	26 Interschool Athletics POSTPONED	27	28
	Ten	29 REPORTS HOME	30	1	2	3 Assembly J3 ON HOLD / IN CLASS	4	5



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LUNCH LAB

Traffic Light Colour Codes - GREEN = Healthy Option AMBER = Eat Moderately RED = Unhealthy Option

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ NO Cash will be taken via window ◆ Orders must be received by 9:00am via Flexischools ◆ Account can be set up please contact Lunch Lab Text 0418648706 or Lunchlab.balerpandc@gmail.com ◆ Direct Deposit bsb 036190 account 040832 ◆ NO CREDIT ◆ All items are subject to availability ◆ Non-Halal items are marked with * ◆ If your child suffers from a food allergy, please see our friendly Lunch Lab staff to discuss options 	MONDAY		EVERYDAY LUNCHES		
	Cheesy Melt	\$3.00	Pasta Bolognese or Vegetarian with Cheese \$5.00		
	Cheesy Melt & Tomato	\$3.50	SANDWICHES		
	Ham & Cheese*	\$4.50	Wholemeal Bread		
	Roast Chicken & Cheese	\$5.00	Wraps \$0.50 extra		
	TUESDAY		Extras salad or egg \$0.50c (All wraps come with mayo)		
	Pasta Bolognese or Vegetarian with cheese	\$5.00	Standard salad consists of Tomato, Carrot, Lettuce & Cucumber		
	WEDNESDAY		Vegemite	\$2.50	
	Toasted Sandwiches See Monday		Cheese	\$2.50	
	THURSDAY		Egg/Curried Egg, Lettuce & Mayo	\$3.50	
RECESS		Salad	\$3.50		
Plain Cheesy	\$1.50	Deli Ham & Cheese*	\$4.00		
Ham cheesy*	\$2.00	Deli Ham & Salad *	\$4.50		
Pikelet	\$0.50	Tuna & Salad	\$4.50		
Small fruit salad	\$1.50	Fresh Roast Chicken & Salad	\$5.00		
Fruit Muffin	\$2.00	Aussie Lunch Box * Deli Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Popcorn, pikelet & Watermelon	\$5.00		
DRINKS		Salad Plate with Fresh Roast Chicken or Deli Ham	\$6.50		
Water	\$2.00	Connect with the LUNCH LAB			
Juice Box: Apple, Orange Apple & Blackcurrant	\$2.00	www.facebook.com/groups/balerpandc/ E-Mail: lunchlab.balerpandc@gmail.com Tel: (08)9172 8400 www.flexischools.com.au			
		FRIDAY			
		Nuggets, Hash brown with a slice of watermelon	\$6.00		
		Tomato or BBQ sauce	.50c		