Balga Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Principal Address

Term 3 2026

What a Term!

As we come to the end of another busy term at Balga Primary School, it is a great time to pause and reflect on just how much our students and staff have achieved.

We started the term with our Public School Review, which provided an opportunity to showcase the work happening across our school and reflect on our ongoing improvement journey. The review report is now available on the school website for families to read.

We were also incredibly proud to host 25 teachers from across the Centre for Excellence in Literacy. Our visitors had the opportunity to see our classrooms, observe our teaching and learning, and hear directly from our teachers about the work we are doing at Balga. Even more exciting was seeing our own teachers step into leadership roles, providing professional learning and mentoring to colleagues from four other schools. It is a wonderful reflection of the expertise that exists within our staff and the willingness of our teachers to share what they are learning with others.

Our NAPLAN results were another highlight this term, with Balga achieving three green boxes across the school. Our Year 3 students in particular should be incredibly proud, achieving some fantastic results across a number of areas. These results are a reflection of the consistent work happening in our classrooms every day, and the focus our teachers place on ensuring every child has the opportunity to learn and succeed.

Of course, school is about much more than test results! This term has also been packed with opportunities for students to learn, participate and have fun. We have celebrated Science Week and Book Week, competed in the Faction Carnival, and represented Balga at interschool events. These experiences are such an important part of school life, helping our students build confidence, develop new skills and create memories with their friends.

As always, none of this happens without the incredible work of our staff, the support of our families and, most importantly, the enthusiasm of our students. There is a lot to be proud of at Balga Primary School.

Finally, I hope everyone has a wonderful and well deserved break. Get outside, enjoy the sunshine and make the most of our beautiful winter weather! This is one of my favourite times of the year for getting out on the bushwalking trails, particularly before summer arrives and dries up many of our creeks and waterways.

Have a safe and happy holiday, and I look forward to seeing everyone back for another great term.

Kate Burke
Principal



Aus Earth Science Incursion

04.08.26

Students in rooms 4,6 and 8 had the treat of a free Earth and Space Incursion run by Australian Earth Science Education.

Room 4 did 'Story of a rock' where they learnt how rocks are formed and change over time. They got to decorate and take their own little rock home.

Room 6 did 'Mineral Detectives'. They learnt about the different minerals found in rocks and how these can be useful. They used jewellers loupes to investigate and identify different mineral samples.

Room 8 did 'What's in a soil'. They investigated the texture and composition of different soil types to identify them and learnt how rocks can be weathered into soils.

All of the activities were 'hands-on' and the children really enjoyed the investigations.















Yr 5 Freo Prison excursion 17.08.26

Our Year 5 students had an immersive look into the convict origins of WA. They learnt about the life of some infamous prisoners and were given a glimpse into prison life. A very educational afternoon.

Book Week – Author Visit

18.08.26







We were lucky to have author Melinda Issakov, join us for a reading of her two books.
Do the Voices, and Do the Voices too.

Students had a great time interacting and asking questions about being an author and were given some great advice on how to start their own journey as an author.











BOOK WEEK ASSEMBLY/PARADE

20.08.2026











Keeping with the theme of Book week "Symphony of Stories', students did a fantastic rendition of the book The Bear and the Piano.

A big thank you to the staff who worked behind the scenes to create the props and Miss Percival for her amazing work coordinating it all. Our students had some magical costumes, and it was great to see our staff also get into the spirit of it all.



Winners



Carnival - Jumps and Throws

27.08.2026









The weather was overcast, but that didn't stop our pre carnival event of Jumps and Throws. Our Year 1-6 completed their long jump and throws events, then the years 3-6 turned out to watch the 200m and 400m races.
A great afternoon had by all and a fantastic way to start of our athletics tournament.



Chess Club



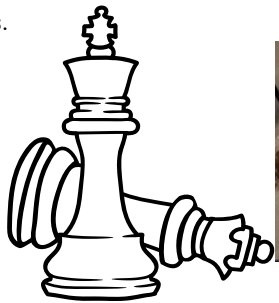






Chess club has been very popular this year, with 33 members signed up across all year groups from year 2 to year 6. Every week we have a short lesson to learn a new skill and then we pair up for games to practice. Students are currently competing to determine the best player in Balga Primary this year. Later this year a small group will be selected to go on an excursion and compete against Swanbourne and Cottesloe primary schools.





Faction Carnival 04.09.26

Our Faction Carnival was held on beautiful sunny day filled with excitement, energy, and plenty of team spirit. It was wonderful to see students from Years 3-6 being engaged, having fun, and doing their best across a range of athletic events. Congratulations to Karri, our Faction Shield winners. A fantastic achievement. Also, well done to Jarrah, who finished in second place, and Wandoo, who placed third. Every student who contributed points to their faction should be proud of their efforts.











Winners















Scitech Excursion - Yr 5 16.09.26

During their visit to Scitech, year 5 students got to experience interactive, hands-on science activities in an engaging environment. A highlight was the visit to the planetarium which complemented learning happening in class on astronomy this term. Students also conducted a bio-security investigation in the Scitech lab, attended a show called 'Springloaded' and enjoyed multiple science activities in the general exhibit area.









Interschool Athletics Carnival 22.09.26

On Tuesday, 22 September, our student athletes headed to North Balga Primary School for a thrilling day of competition at the annual Interschool Athletics Carnival. Four local schools competed in a series of competitive track, field, and team events, with Balga Primary putting on showing great sportsmanship, determination, and teamwork.

Thanks to the incredible efforts of our athletes, Balga Primary proudly took home second place overall, with North Balga placing first.

Even more excitingly, our school was awarded the prestigious Meritorious Shield. This special trophy is awarded to the school that earns the most points relative to its student population size. It proves that while we may not be the biggest school, our heart, talent, and determination was fantastic.

Well done to everyone involved, you have made the entire Balga Primary School community very proud.





Mr Stankovski - PE/Health Teacher



