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# Balcatta Update

February 2015

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## From The Principal

**Welcome** to all parents and students to the 2015 school year, especially to those who are new to Balcatta Senior High School. It has been a very smooth start to the year especially considering that this year in addition to our year 8 students we have also welcomed, for the first time, a year 7 cohort to the school. The move to have year 7 students attend secondary school allows students to have access to specialist facilities and teachers.

### New Staff

I am delighted to have been appointed Principal of Balcatta Senior High School while Ms Kristancic is on leave.

We welcome a number of staff to the school and we are delighted that we have a mixture of both very experienced teachers and new graduates.

Helen Maitland has joined us as Associate Principal. Mark Aarons (Level 3) and Iain McPherson have joined the Physical Education team, Warren Argus, Andrew Manera and Peter O'Neill (Level 3) have joined the Humanities and Social Science Team. The Mathematics team has a new member Arul Niroshan and Kristina Hoy has joined the Science team. Irena Rychal (Level 3) and Therese Shipley are both Home Economics teachers who have joined the Technology & Enterprise team.

The Student Services team has several new members with Joanne Allery joining us as Chaplain Tuesday's with a new Nurse Lisa Nottage available on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning.

**Year 12:** Congratulations to the 2014 Year 12 students whose results featured a number of strong performances that resulted in most students being offered places in their courses of choice. Special mention of Chaitra Muralidhar and Gene Mendoza who were awarded ATAR and Vocational

Dux respectively, Balcatta's students achieved an Attainment Rate of 94%, which was higher than the State percentage of 82.8% with 98% of students achieving the WACE.

### Prefects

Five new and very capable Prefects were elected at the end of last year. They are Nikita D'Souza, Alisa Jakupovic, Peter Milner, Izzuddin Verdejo and Tess Williams.

We are confident that these outstanding young people will be excellent role models for all students.

Interviews have recently been conducted and the names of the two Head Prefects were announced at last Friday's whole School Assembly. We are delighted to announce Alisa Jakupovic and Peter Milner as Head Prefects for 2015.

We are keen to work with all parents/guardians to develop a positive relationship with the school. For any queries please ring the school on 9345 8200 between 8.00am and 4.00pm.

Lesley Street, Principal

### 2015 Senior School Ball

The Ball has been booked at the Pan Pacific Hotel for Friday 26 June 2015.

This year's theme is *A Night in Paris* and our Year 12 Prefects will soon be busy making all the invitations, ball posters and place cards to ensure the evening is a wonderful success.

An information brochure will be given out to all students regarding expectations and general ball etiquette. They will be emailed home as a general guide for parents and guardians.

## Uniforms

Whilst the number of students wearing uniform is pleasing unfortunately we have been advised by our supplier that our order (submitted in November 2014) will be delayed for 6 – 8 weeks. We understand that this is disappointing to students and parents but the delay is beyond our control.

In the meantime we encourage Year 7 and 8 students waiting for the delivery to wear a plain navy top. Please be aware that no denim or black clothing/leggings are to be worn at any time.

Our Uniform Policy is clearly defined in the School Diary. The Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday morning from 8.00am – 9.00am. Thanks to Ms Sammi Carruthers who maintains the uniform shop.

## School Council

The School Council will meet on **Wednesday 18 February** at 6.00pm in the staff room. Meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month but please see the Term Planner for dates for term 1. New members are very welcome and nominations will be called for shortly.

## P&C AGM

The Balcatta Senior High School P & C meeting will be held on **Wednesday 18 February** at 7.30pm in the staff room. This meeting is the AGM and all parents and guardians are welcome to come along and hear about plans for 2015.

## OLNA

Students in Years 10 and 11 will soon sit the OLNA. OLNA is the acronym for the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment. Students are required to demonstrate they have achieved the required standards of literacy and numeracy for their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). This certificate is awarded by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority at the end of Year 12 to students who have met all the requirements. You can find out more about the requirements on the Authorities website at [www.scsa.wa.edu.au](http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au).

Some students pre-qualify through their performance in the Year 9 NAPLAN test. We will inform you whether your child needs to sit the OLNA which is held in March and September each year starting in Year 10. This means each student will have up to six opportunities, before the end of Year 12.

## 2015 SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Eligible Parents/Guardians holding a current:

- Centrelink Health Care Card
  - Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
  - Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card
- are invited to complete and submit their Secondary Assistance Scheme application form at the front office at the school.

The assistance consists of two components:

- \$235 Educational Program Allowance
- \$115 Clothing Allowance which can be paid directly to the parent/guardian. Parents/guardians will need to make sure they have their bank account details available.

**Closing Date: Thursday 2 April 2015**

**Please note the Department of Education will not accept late applications.**

## Contributions and Charges 2015

Thank you to all the parents/guardians that have paid their child's Charges and Voluntary Contributions account.

We would like to remind those who have not yet paid that payment can be made at the Office weekdays between 8.00am and 4.00pm using cash, cheque, credit card, EFTPOS. Payment by Mastercard or Visa can be made over the telephone. Alternatively, you may wish to pay direct to the school's bank account.

Details are as follows:

**Name:** Balcatta Senior High School

**BSB:** 066 140

**Account Number:** 00900104

**Reference:** Students Surname, First Name

Should you have any queries regarding your account or if you would like to discuss time payment options please contact the school.

Balcatta Senior High School relies heavily on parent/guardian payments for these course/subject fees which enables our classes to be maintained and updated as required by the curriculum. Please be reminded charges remain compulsory.

## Important Dates

**18 February** – School Council Meeting 6.00pm

**18 February** – P & C AGM 7.30pm

**23 February** – Year 7/8 Family Welcome BBQ

**10 March** – Year 8 Swimming Carnival

**11 March** – Year 9 Swimming Carnival

**12 March** – Year 7 Swimming Carnival

**31 March** – Year 7-12 Reporting Parent Night

For other important dates please see the term planner.

To contact the school please phone 9345 8200

STREET Lesley **Principal**  
PESTANA Stephen **Associate Principal**  
HANN Diane **Associate Principal**

MAITLAND Helen **Associate Principal**  
SERRELL Pat **Associate Principal**  
BECCARELLI Sharon **Business Manager**

**ARTS**

ARKEVELD Jamie **Head Of Learning Area**  
HINK Phyllicia Drama  
MARTIN Alison Special Dance  
MURNING Michelle  
SETZINGER Nathan  
TOMLINSON Sherree Gifted & Talented Coord

**HEALTH & PHYSICAL ED**

BIRKETT Geoff - *Teacher In Charge*  
AARONS Mark (Level 3)  
McPHERSON Iain  
JOHNSON Kirsty  
TASEFF Adam

**HUMANITIES ( ENGLISH + HASS)**

CURTIS Tessa (English) **Head Of Learning Area**  
O'NEILL Peter (HASS) **Head Of Learning Area**  
ARGUS Warren  
BODYCOAT Lyn  
CRAWFORD Irene  
HINK Phyllicia  
HUGHES Julia  
MANERA Andrew  
MANERA Maria  
RAMSAY Robert  
SANCHEZ Sonia  
WILLIAMSON Elisa

**LOTE**

HATZIS Sonia **Y9 - 10 Coordinator**  
SUEHRCKE Maria

**MATHEMATICS**

ENTWISTLE Mark **Head Of Learning Area**  
MACALE Romeo  
MANES Joe  
NIROSHAN Arul  
TAYLOR Debbie  
TRAN Thap

**SCIENCE**

BLITVICH Rod **Head Of Learning Area**  
CASTENSEN Kevin  
HENRY Linda  
HOY Kristina  
GURETTI Pat  
TAN Chiat  
ANDERSON Lisa Lab Tech

**TECHNOLOGY & ENTERPRISE**

CRIDDLE Kath **Prog Coordinator – T & E , VET**  
RYCHAL Irena (Level 3)  
MENAGH Sandy  
DI NUCCI Sharon  
SHIPLEY Therese  
TERRY Val Assist Home Ec Assistant

WITCOMBE Matthew  
KEEP Joanne **Y11-12 Coordinator**

HARDY David  
JAHN Bernd

SCHMIEDTE Hal

**ED SUPPORT**

EDWARDS-POWER Keira  
DAINTON Beverley Education Assistant  
EWEN Sharon Education Assistant  
KAYS Carissa Education Assistant  
MOBILIA Kareen Education Assistant

**LIBRARY**

SANZOGNI Anna **Library Coordinator**  
WERNICKE Sylvia  
D'ADAMO Nikki Library Assistant  
MARCOU Kay Library Assistant  
TYNAS Ruth Library Assistant

**STUDENT SERVICES**

WALKER Tegan **Student Services Manager**  
KEEP Joanne **Y11 - 12 Coordinator**  
HATZIS Sonia **Y9 - 10 Coordinator**  
CASTENSEN Kevin **Y7 - 8 Coordinator**  
ALLERY Joanne **Chaplain** (Tuesday)  
MAINSTONE Lorraine Student Services School Officer

**School Psychologist**

LANDER Melanie (Mon, Tues pm, Wed am)

**Nurse**

NOTTAGE Lisa (Mon, Tues, Wed am)

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

VERRIER Carl Network Support

**SCHOOL OFFICERS**

CAMERON Toni  
FOGELS Christine  
RAPPEPORT Sue  
SPENCER Glenyse Assist Business Manager  
SCAGNETTI Mary

YOUNG Jenny Canteen Manager

OZOLINS Terrie Canteen

PUGLIESE Adrianna Canteen

UNIFORM SHOP (Sammi Carruthers)

GARBIN Ed (M, W & F) Grounds

MILES Ray (T & Thurs) Grounds Maint

VERONESI Mario (M T Thurs Fri) Grounds Maint

ZEZOVSKI Steve Grounds Maint -

SPIROV Jeannie Head Cleaner

METSKARIS Chrissy Head Clean



# Planner 2015 - Term One For Parents

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
	<b>January 26</b> <i>Australia Day Public Holiday</i>	<b>January 27</b> <i>Admin + SLT Resume</i>	<b>January 28</b> <i>Admin + SLT at school</i>	<b>January 29</b> School Development Day Program Teachers resume	<b>January 30</b> School Development Day PM- Judy Petch 2 hours Observations	<b>Saturday 31</b> <b>February Sunday 1</b>
1	<b>February 2</b> Students commence Term 1 SLT 3.15pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Collaborative Staff Meetings</b>	<b>5</b> 8.15am SS Directions Staff Seminar Room	<b>6</b>	<b>Saturday 7</b> G&T Saturday Art Classes <b>Sunday 8</b>
2	<b>February 9</b> SLT 3.15pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Collaborative Staff Meetings</b>	<b>12</b> 8.15am. LS Directions Staff Seminar Room	<b>13</b>	<b>Saturday 14</b> G&T Saturday Art Classes <b>Sunday 1</b>
3	<b>February 16</b> SLT 3.15pm	<b>17</b> ID photos all Y7 + 8 + new students	<b>18</b> <b>Full Staff Meeting</b> School Council 6 p.m. P & C AGM 7.30 p.m.	<b>19</b> 8.15am SS Directions Staff Seminar Room	<b>20</b>	<b>Saturday 21</b> G&T Saturday Art Classes <b>Sunday 22</b>
4	<b>February 23</b> 1.30 pm Balcatta Cluster Meeting SLT 3.15pm Y7/8 Family Welcome BBQ Pool Party	<b>24</b> Student Leadership Elections Period 2 – 5	<b>25</b> Bully Busters Y7 + 8 <b>Collaborative Staff Meetings</b>	<b>26</b> 8.15am. LS Directions Staff Seminar Room	<b>27</b>	<b>Saturday 28</b> G&T Saturday Art Classes <b>March Sunday 1</b>
5	<b>March 2</b> <i>Labour Day Public Holiday</i>	<b>3</b> Triple P Parenting Seminar Series this week	<b>4</b> <b>Collaborative Staff Meetings</b>	<b>5</b> 8 staff Professional Learning Communities 8.15am SS Directions Staff Seminar Room	<b>6</b> 8 staff Professional Learning Communities	<b>Saturday 7</b> G&T Saturday Art Classes <b>Sunday 8</b>
6	<b>March 9</b> Triple P Parenting Seminar Series this week GRIP Leadership Conference SLT 3.15pm Y9/10 Family Welcome BBQ Pool Party	<b>10</b> Y8 Swimming Carnival	<b>11</b> Y9 Swimming Carnival <b>Collaborative Staff Meetings</b>	<b>12</b> 8.15am. LS Directions Staff Seminar Room Y7 Swimming Carnival (P2, 3 and 4)	<b>13</b> Y11/12 Interim Reports completed.	<b>Saturday 14</b> G&T Saturday Art Classes <b>Sunday 15</b>
7	<b>March 16</b> Triple P Parenting Seminar Series this week Y9/10 Interim Reports Y7 Camp SLT 3.15pm	<b>17</b> Y7 Camp Y10 Swimming Carnival (Y11 + 12 nominations)	<b>18</b> Y8 Camp <b>Full Staff Meeting</b> School Council 6 p.m. P & C AGM 7.30 p.m.	<b>19</b> Y8 Camp 8.15am SS Directions Staff Seminar Room	<b>20</b> Y8 Camp	<b>Saturday 21</b> G&T Saturday Art Classes <b>Sunday 22</b>
8	<b>March 23</b> 9.05am Y7 Swimming Lessons 10.05am Y7 Swimming Lessons Y7/8 Interim Reports SLT 3.15pm Y11/12 Welcome Night	<b>24</b> 9.05am Y7 Swimming Lessons 10.05am Y7 Swimming Lessons	<b>25</b> 9.05am Y7 Swimming Lessons 10.05am Y7 Swimming Lessons <b>Collaborative Staff Meetings</b>	<b>26</b> 8.15am. LS Directions Staff Seminar Room 9.05am Y7 Swimming Lessons 10.05am Y7 Swimming Lessons	<b>27</b> 9.05am Y7 Swimming Lessons 10.05am Y7 Swimming Lessons	<b>Saturday 28</b> NO Art Classes <b>Sunday 29</b>
9	<b>March 30</b> 9.05am Y7 Swimming Lessons 10.05am Y7 Swimming Lessons Art Camp Y7,8,9,10,11 + 12 Gifted + Talented students. SLT 3.15pm	<b>31</b> 9.05am Y7 Swimming Lessons 10.05am Y7 Swimming Lessons Art Camp Y7,8,9,10,11 + 12 Gifted + Talented students. Y7 – 12 Reporting Parent Night	<b>April 1</b> 9.05am Y7 Swimming Lessons 10.05am 60 Y7 Swimming Lessons Art Camp Y7,8,9,10,11 + 12 Gifted + Talented students. <b>Collaborative Staff Meetings</b>	<b>2</b> 8.15am SS Directions Staff Seminar Room 9.05am Y7 Swimming Lessons 10.05am Y7 Swimming Lessons Attendance BBQ Art Camp Y7,8,9,10,11 + 12 Gifted + Talented students. Last Day Term 1	<b>3</b> <b>Good Friday Public Holiday</b>	<b>Saturday 4</b> NO Art Classes <b>Sunday 5</b>
Hols	<i>April 6</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Gifted & Talented testing for 2016 intake	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Saturday 11</b> <b>Sunday 12</b>
	<i>April 13</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Saturday 18</b> <b>Sunday 19</b>