



BALGAZETTE

The Newsletter of Balga Senior High School

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Another term comes to a close and for our Year 12 students it represents the imminent completion of their studies at Balga SHS. This is a challenging time for many, with final sets of assessments to be completed by students and for staff the time, effort and energy that goes into ensuring every student is given every opportunity to pass their courses is substantial. I wish all our graduating students well and hope they have put sufficient effort into their studies so they are able to pursue their desired pathways into the future.

Our school provides a broad range of learning opportunities for our students across each year and they aim to complement the core learning areas. This term has been no exception with our students heavily involved in sports, drama, music and academic pathway experiences. As you read through our newsletter you will see examples of these opportunities and I congratulate each student for their level of involvement and commitment, without exception they have represented Balga SHS with distinction.

Our school is a place of learning, a place of opportunity and a place of acceptance. It is essential that we present a clear and consistent message to our students regarding our expectations when they are at school. As a means of ensuring clarity in this space, we have developed a list of basic school expectations which will be displayed across all areas of the school including classrooms and details will also be placed on our website.

This message is based on common sense and reflects what is required for a school as a place of learning to function effectively. I encourage parents and carers to reinforce this message with students.

Balga SHS School Maintenance Funding

You may be aware there was an announcement by the state government regarding their decision to direct significant resources to government schools to address some of the maintenance and upgrade needs within schools across the state.

I am pleased to confirm that Balga SHS has been recognised as being in need of significant focus in this area and we have been allocated just over two million dollars to address some of our needs. I would like to acknowledge the School Board and particularly our Chairman, Mr Ross McLean for his assistance over recent times in requesting funding to address our needs in this area. In addition to this, I would also like to acknowledge the great work undertaken by our Facilities Coordinator, Mr Michael Leadbitter for his constant level of information sharing about our school building needs to central office staff.

This announcement by the government is a great day for our school and our local community. I will provide more information as this project unfolds.

Finally, I would like to thank all staff for their efforts this term and to congratulate the majority of students for their efforts over the course of this term. I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable break, remember students return to school on TUESDAY 15TH October.

Mark Carton - Principal



Last day of Term Friday 27 September

First day of Term 4 Tuesday 15 October

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ENGLISH

At the beginning of the term, we welcomed three new staff to our team, Ms Melissa Stojanovski, Mr Cameron Llewellyn and Ms Sandra Whitelaw. We also farewelled Ms Lisa James, our Learning Area Coordinator, as she took maternity leave, to await the arrival of her baby. We wish her and her family all the best.

OLNA testing commenced in week 7 and was completed in week 9 this term. The results of the online testing will be available in October. We hope that with assistance from classroom teachers and preparation at home, students will be rewarded with positive results.

Our Year 12 students have been working very hard to complete their courses before the end of the term. I would like to thank the dedicated English staff for all the extra support and guidance they have provided the students during this hectic time. We farewell these students as they take their final journey through the corridors of the school, and move onto the next chapter of their lives. Good luck Class of 2019!

In the Junior School, our students have been focusing on writing autobiographies, reading short stories and comprehension skills. Our Middle School students have been analysing images, reading novels and learning about film conventions, in order to prepare them for the challenging courses in Senior School. As their year comes to a close our students in Year 11 are beginning to work on their final tasks for the semester. The students undertaking the ATAR course still have plenty of work to do, in the lead up to their upcoming exams, which will take place in November. Students are reminded to allocate study and revision time in their daily schedules, in order to achieve their best.

Ms Silvana Cockcroft – Learning Area Coordinator English

MATHEMATICS

In Term 3, the Maths team were focused on the Measurement and Geometry strand for the year 7s to 10s and OLNA with the Year 10s to 12s. With this in mind, students from Year 10 to Year 12 were offered extra tutoring after school in the home work classes every Wednesday from 3 – 4pm. The focus is assisted with scaffolding the worded problems and expanding students vocabulary. A real big thank you to all staff from the different learning areas who volunteered their time supporting our students.

We have had two new staff join the Maths team, Mr Cameron Llewellyn and Mrs Melissa Stojanovski. Mr Cameron Llewellyn who teaches the 8 General Maths class had this to say:

The 8Gen group have been working hard on Measurement and Area this term. They measured the circumference of many circular items in the classroom and have developed their ability to use formulas to solve different area related problems. The students are beginning to understand that the units of measurement they need to use are based on the object they are measuring. The students have also worked on understanding the concept of time this term and have begun to recognise that different areas in the world have different time-zones.

The current focus besides teaching is the focus on our Year 12 graduating classes. Many staff have once again made themselves available helping to coach students so they can complete their coursework in time for graduation. This year the process has been much smoother compared with previous years. The Australian Mathematics Competition is a yearly affair at Balga SHS. The Australian Mathematics Competition has been a success this term. All through Semester 1, many of our students have participated in practise sessions during lunch to get accustomed to the types of questions being asked.

This year our students received the following results:

TIEU NGUYET KHA	Distinction	ROGER BOLGIA	Proficiency
ARTA RAD	Credit	JININ PHAM	Proficiency
EDWARD VY	Credit	TIEN NGUYEN	Proficiency
MOHAMMAD ERLANGGA	Credit	NGOC PHU TRUONG	Proficiency
THU THANH TRAN	Credit	LONG HOANG	Proficiency
JOSHUA CALDERON	Proficiency	PHAY LAIN PHAY	Proficiency

Ms Satwant Mioduszewski learning Area Coordinator - Mathematics

CAREERS

CAREERS TERM 3

There has been a lot happening in the Careers space in the last few months. The Year 9s attended the University of WA to explore career options moving forward and the Year 11s attended the annual UWA Aspire Camp at Point Walter. Team building activities were both fun and educational and the full day on campus gave students the opportunity to really explore what university life would really be like. Lunch at University Hall topped off what was a fantastic day. In addition, Aspire advocates Lawm Pui and Williams Moo attended the Social Impact Day at the university to work on their entry for an upcoming competition.

Year 10s attended the SkillsWest Careers Expo at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre and were able to explore a huge range of post school options, including university courses from our five West Australian universities and TAFE courses in the fields of Health and Beauty; Building and Construction; Business; Creative Industries; Community Services; Hospitality and IT.

The Expo has helped to build our students' enthusiasm and confidence in their choices for their Senior School subject selection in 2020.

The Year 12s have completed the career pathway discovery program, Career Fast Track and are embarking on the next phase of their career journey by completing their TAFE and university applications for next year.



HaSS

Year 10 HaSS Civics and History Incursions

As part of their studies in History that form part of the West Australian HaSS Curriculum, the Year 10 students had the privilege of a visit from Ms Hetty Verolme, an author and survivor of the horrors of WWII during the Nazi regime.

Hetty was overjoyed to witness the cultural diversity that exists at Balga and the students were deeply moved by her story. Hetty's positive message of never ever losing hope and always embracing each new day for what it may bring resonated with staff and students alike.



TALK LAW PROGRAM

The Year 10 students have also had the opportunity to work with young lawyers from King & Wood Mallesons as part of their *Talk Law* program.

The program is an Australian community legal education initiative for young people that aims to build knowledge in the community about legal rights and responsibilities. It is an interactive programme and the students are looking forward to the finale in Term 4 where they attend the KWM offices in Perth City to participate in a mock trial.



Ms Mandy Hampson
Careers Coordinator

SCIENCE

Chemical science has been the learning focus in Science this term. Students have studied the building blocks of matter; atoms, elements, molecules, compounds, and how these react, forming other materials and substances. Students have conducted various experiments and practical tasks this term involving non-Newtonian fluids (corn starch slime), acid-base reactions (scale model volcanic eruptions) and oxygen-fuel reactions (launching solid fuel rockets). Year 10 students also studied the more detailed theoretical components of chemistry; writing formulas and balancing equations.

Senior school students progressed with their courses, with the Year 11 ATAR Integrated Science class conducting a field study where they monitored the health of the local wetland ecosystems by measuring bio-diversity. Year 12 students concluded their academic year with the completion of their final assessments and school exams.

Mr Wade Ramponi – Program Coordinator Science & STEM



HOME ECONOMICS

This term has been a busy and very exciting for the students participating in the Certificate II Hospitality Course. There have been many functions this term which have ranged from breakfasts where staff are served barista coffee and croissants, to lunches where students presented Chicken Parmigiana and chocolate mousse. The Hospitality students would like to thank the staff for their continued support because without the staff, the students would not be able to obtain the certificate.

Jessica Brown – Home Economics Teacher



DRAMA NEWS

YOUTH ON HEALTH DRAMA FESTIVAL (YOH) PRODUCTIONS

Balga Senior High School has entered two teams in to the 2019 Youth On Health Drama Festival (YOH Fest). The Junior team's piece titled "My Imaginary Friend", highlights how a deep sense of belonging is a need of all people. We are biologically, cognitively, physically and spiritually wired to love, to be loved and to belong. When these needs aren't met, we can't function effectively. This performance depicts that innate need for belonging.

A group of teenagers have lost their sense of belonging due to social media, generational poverty, racism and body image. They enlist the help of their imaginary friends to help them regain their sense of belonging.

The imaginary friends teach their teens how to communicate their feelings. They also teach them the importance of acting, belonging and committing. After adopting their friends coping strategies, the teens regain their sense of belonging.

We are proud to say our students were outstanding in their heat on Tuesday 3 September and received the highest score of that night. They received the prestigious Healthway Award.

The Senior team's piece, titled "Lost Child" is about a group of lost children who find themselves in limbo as they lack a sense of belonging. One group of children face racism as a result of ignorance. The others, are struggling with anxiety.

Peter Pan and Captain Hook attempt to assist these lost children. A wise Aboriginal elder witnesses their struggle. She teaches them the importance of communication skills and how acting, belonging and committing can create a sense of belonging.

Again our students were outstanding in their heat on Thursday 5 September and received the highest score for that night. The students performed with such passion, discipline and integrity, evoking a powerful emotional response from the audience.

JASPER JONES

The cast of "Jasper Jones" are currently working hard, rehearsing, choreographing, designing and building sets for the upcoming production. We are hoping the stage adaptation of Craig Silvey's successful novel will be ready for an audience in the near future.

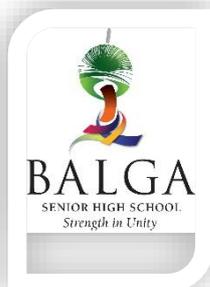
YIRRA YAAKIN

On 10 July a group of our talented Drama students performed their Noongar adaptation of a series of William Shakespeare sonnets. The production was outstanding. The students had been rehearsing every Tuesday night with Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company, culminating in a performance for the community in August.

WAAPA WORKSHOPS

At the beginning of Term 4, an exciting opportunity will be available for 30 of our talented Drama students across Years 9 to 12. The Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) will be running theatre workshops with our students over 3 days. They will be participating in improvisations, musical theatre numbers, choreography and design elements, taught by some of the WAAPA lecturers and culminating in a performance at the end of the week.

Hassan Almagutar & Shayann Yarran
2019 Drama Captains



MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEAR 6 STUDENT ENGAGEMENT DAY TERM 3

In week 4 of this term we welcomed 49 Year 6 students from our local primary schools as they joined us for another session in the Year 6 Engagement Program. For this visit we had a STEAM focus and the students had a great time building Edison Robots, playing robot soccer and designing and building paper planes. A second session was held in week 9 where the Year 6 students watched our Drama students in action as they performed their YOH Fest productions.

If you have any enquiries about enrolments for Year 7 students for the 2020 school year, please do not hesitate to contact the school and ask to speak to Neil Arnold. School tours can be arranged for prospective students and families upon request.

BALGA PRIMARY SCHOOL READING SUPPORT PROGRAM

This term we have continued our partnership with Balga Primary School with their 200 Days of Reading Challenge. Each Friday morning before school a group of 8 students from Years 7 and 10 have been travelling to Balga Primary School to listen to the Primary School Students as a part of this initiative. Balga Primary School are extremely appreciative of the assistance that we are able to provide and the Primary School students have continued to show great improvements in their reading skills as they get closer to their 200 Day goal.

Mr Neil Arnold – Team Leader Year 7 - 8

LEARNING SUPPORT

Worldskill WA Vetis Bricklaying Competition 2019

Congratulations to La Kin Wah (Year 11) who participated in the 2019 Worldskill WA VETIS Bricklaying Competition.

The competition was judged by experts across a range of employers in the building industry and educational institutions. La Kin Wah undertook a range of tasks set to industry standards applying, the skills learnt in the Building and Construction Course. La Kin Wah is to be commended on his effort, with particular praise for his Appearance and Jointing skills. Congratulations La Kin Wah

*Izam Haris
-Program Coordinator
Learning Support*



NOONGAR BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Kaya! This semester, the Noongar Business Enterprise students attended and facilitated four Primary School NAIDOC celebrations. The students attended North Balga, Balga, Waddington and Warriapendi Primary Schools and facilitated workshops that celebrate Noongar culture.

The students delivered a wide range of activities including face painting, dance, emu statues, badge and flag making, beading, hunting and Noongar language. As part of this program, the students prepared the resources needed and then facilitated the workshops. All staff and students were very impressed by the professionalism of our students. NAIDOC is a time of celebration for all Australians and to respect Noongar culture which is one of the oldest continuing cultures in the world. The students brought pride to Balga SHS. Boordawan!



Dylan Collard – Aboriginal Curriculum and Wellbeing Program Manager

MUSIC BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Since its birth in 2015, the Music Business Enterprise class 'Only Love Exists.' (OLE) has shown growth as a brand over the last few years. However, in order to expand our business, we needed to conduct research on what makes a business successful. We discovered that they all have two things in common, a clear vision or purpose and strong core values.

Which leads us to why OLE was created? The answer simply being our desire to "Spread love through Action". Having this knowledge and a sense of identity, we then looked at what core values clearly define us. We determined that it must encompass our Balga Senior High School's motto of 'Strength in Unity'. After much discussion, we evaluated that our three core values are:

- Compassionate Action
- Strength in Unity
- Integrity

All of the activities (see list below) conducted in Term 3 are the direct result of having clearly defined our purpose and core values.



Helping the Gardening Business Enterprise class clear the land for their local community garden project



Sending music resources to underprivileged communities in Timor



Shared our newly bought 'Silent Disco' headphones with some of our beloved Balga SHS staff (Mr. Samuels, Ms. Dave, Ms. Wilson, Ms. Criddle, Ms. McGill, Ms. Allen, Mr. Milevski, Ms. Connop, Ms. Dunstan, Ms. Whyte, Ms. Turkovic)

Our OLE dancers helped teach and performed the song 'Handclap' with the drama business enterprise class for their recent YOH Fest audition, GO Balga!

Friday lunchtime pop-up sessions

First we held a 'Silent Disco' in the library, big thanks to Ms Tammy Allen for providing the space

Free Hi 5 Social experiment with many OLE students receiving hundreds of hi-5s (there's much love around the school)

Sing-a-long karaoke in the music room

Flash mob - Dance to Macarena in the canteen area

Stay tuned for many more **pop-up sessions** throughout the rest of the year.

SILENT DISCO SYSTEM – NOW HIRING!!

We recently purchased our very own 'Silent Disco' 100x headphones/3x DJs system which we are now officially hiring out to the public. Special rates will apply if there is some form of affiliation with our school.

If you know of anyone that would be interested, please get them to contact Nik Culum at the following email address: balgashsmusic@gmail.com

Nik Culum & Dave Crosby
Music Department



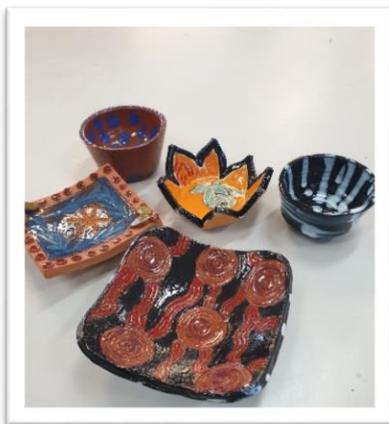
WORK PLACE LEARNING

Mrs Mathews and Ms Sharon represented our school at an open kitchen event held at KFC - Mirrabooka. KFC partner with Collins Food Group and are offering school based traineeships to their school aged employees. We look forward to working alongside and assisting their Store Managers and RTO's in giving our students the best possible outcome. It was a pleasure to catch up with an ex Balga student who is now proudly the store Assistant Manager.



Ms Sharon Hunt – WPL Coordinator

POTTERY POWER



This term Art students have been immersed in the wonderful texture of clay.

Students have manipulated clay by pinching, coiling, mounding and slabbing to create original pieces, both functional and sculptural. Some students have ventured to the pottery wheel and experienced the exciting challenge of centering clay to build unique, well-crafted masterworks.

Trenton Harris – Teacher Art

BALGA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

2019 BALL



Senior School students certainly made Balga proud at the annual School Ball. Held at Joondalup Resort, on Thursday 4 July, students and staff braved the weather and glammed up for a night of fun, friendship, food and photos. Lots of photos!

Despite our original venue, the Poolside Marquee, flooding from the huge amount of rain that fell that day, Joondalup Resort did a wonderful job of relocating everything needed for the night to one of their top ballrooms, at very short notice.

After dinner, and dancing, Mr T Harris led us through the difficult process of choosing a Belle and Beau of the Ball. With everyone looking so wonderful, this was a really hard decision but ultimately Hsa Eh Christ Paw Moo and Malkaus Singh won the coveted awards.

Special thanks must go to members of the Year 12 Leadership Team in attendance; Ved Ghumundee, Paw S'Kar Jackson, Hassan Almagutar, Ruth Dagnachew and Paw Lah May Wah. Their assistance prior to the Ball, as well as on the night, was very much appreciated.

Thanks to everyone who attended, staff and students, for making the evening such a memorable one.

Ms Sarah Bath – Team Leader Senior School

BALGA SPORTING NEWS

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The 2019 Balga SHS Athletics Carnival was held on 10 September. We were fortunate enough to have ideal weather conditions, which helped for a successful day. We had 5 different rotations on the day to maximise participation and provide all students with the opportunity to try something new. In addition, we had Face Painting, Sausage Sizzle, the inflatable relay race and the Music Team playing the students favourite hits. It was a fantastic day and we couldn't have done it without all of the support from staff. A special thank you to the PE team for the tireless hours you put in to make the day the success that it was.

Mr Rob Milevski - Teacher in Charge - Health & PE

Age	Champion Boy	Runner up Boy
12	Rhys Butler	Yae Pee Soe
13	Roger Bolgia	Hser Mya Shee
14	Al Aktham Alsafouri	Saber Yonis Adem
15	Yanick Kalonda	Tennessee Kickett
16+	Robert Irakoze Kabaka	Mark Corbett
Age	Champion Girl	Runner up Girl
12	Greta Colbung Hill	Remese Dickie
13	Taimana Oneroa	Devina Garlett
14	Sophie Ryan	Paw Ti Yu Moo
15	Trinity Pearce	Paw Mau Ha
16+	Tei-Hahn Ryder	Bolton Yangi



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WINNER 2019

BEACH

WELL DONE

NETBALL

Well done to all the girls who participated in the winter Netball season for Woola Woola Koolangkas. It's fantastic to see you all out in the courts playing great Netball.

Congratulations to the U13 team making the Semi Finals, if they win these play offs they will move forward to the finals in the next 2 weeks. So Good Luck girls.

A great season by you all, thank you to the supporters, staff and coaches/managers who support the girls all the way. Enjoy the break for everyone else and get ready to head into the spring season.

Ms Brydie Donald – Teacher Health & PE



U13 Team – Absent Greta Hill

JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

The Balga SHS Junior Girls Soccer team hit Aveley Secondary College for six with a 6-1 win to put them into the Shield Grand Finals. Goals were evenly distributed between five of our players. Captain Moo Moo stepped up into the centre forward position in the second half to hit a ripper of a goal with two Aveley players chasing behind in pursuit. It was a fantastic display of sportsmanship, classy soccer and defensive play. The girls employed a very effective high press to keep the ball in Aveleys half for the majority of the match. What a match!

A big thank you to Ros Playforth, Andrea, Quirrin and Mr Milevski for giving the girls plenty of support and encouragement from the sidelines.



The Junior Girls have had a fantastic season finishing runners up in the SSWA Champions Schools Shield Football Finals. They lost 4-0 to a really quality side in South Baptist College. The girls played with a lot of heart and the opposition coach remarked on what a great vibe they had as a team. We are all very proud of their efforts this season. A great team of lovely girls who are leaders both on and off the field.

Ms Sarah Bagshaw – Teacher Health and PE

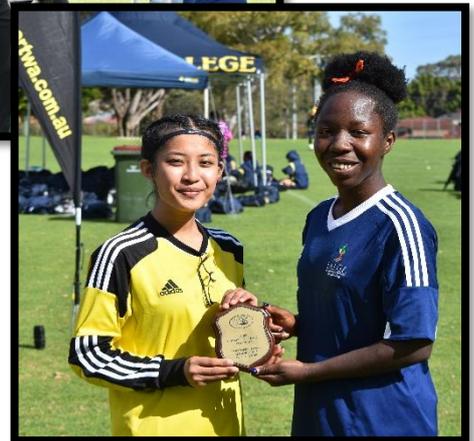




SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

The girls played Mercy College in the Northern District Final, losing the match 3-0. It was a great achievement making the grand final following a very consistent and successful season. We are all very proud of our girls' efforts in what has been a five year journey for some. Our Year 12s Bolton Yangi, Paw S'Kar Jackson and Josephine Nkuo will be greatly missed from the team next year, but we wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

The girls had an opportunity to have a photograph with Jamie Harnwell, the Football West Development Officer. Jamie Harnwell is also a retired player from Perth Glory and ex Perth Glory Women's Coach.



Thank you to everyone who has attended a match this year. The girls really appreciate all the support you have given over the year. A special thanks to the HPE team. Bejhan and Rob's strategies have been very handy this season and Brad and Brydie's constant encouragement of the kids has been amazing. WHAT A GREAT TEAM.

Sarah Bagshaw – HPE Teacher



Community & School Notices

Dates to Remember Term 4

URGENT NOTICE FROM SCHOOL P&C

We have been informed that we are at risk of losing our crosswalk attendant.

This a safe place to cross our busy road and it also plays a vital role in educating our younger generation about road safety.

So PLEASE remember to support and encourage our local students from both Balga SHS and Warriapendi Primary School to use the crosswalk.

Thank you for your support.



STUDENT IMMUNISATION STATEMENTS

PARENTS ARE YOU STARTING OR MOVING SCHOOLS

HOW TO OBTAIN A COPY OF your Statement

- Contact AIR (Australian Immunisation Register) ON 1800 653 809
- Visit your local Department of Human Services Centre
- Log into your MYGOV account online. Select your linked service MEDICARE, proceed to online account and select Immunisation History Statement. Print a copy or email

You can also contact Vicki at Balga SHS Reception and she can assist with any general queries relating to obtaining of Immunisation Records.



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SCHOOL TOURS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST
To arrange contact school on [9247 0222](tel:92470222)

INNOVATIVE AND OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- ATAR PROGRAMS AVAILABLE
- UNIVERSITY PREPARATION COURSE (Partnering with ECU)
- NNEI PROGRAM
- CERTIFICATE II COURSES (Sport, Hospitality, Child Care)

CHALLENGING AND REWARDING EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- POLICE RANGERS
- AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS (AFL, Badminton, Soccer, Netball)
- ROBOTICS CLUB (Partnering with Google)
- YOH Fest (Drama)
- HOMEWORK CLUB (Weekly)

KEY SCHOOL PARTNERS




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Ms Mandy Hampson



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THE BEST WAY TO PREDICT THE FUTURE IS TO CREATE IT

TERM 4

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL
ON
TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER



Jaguars Softball club

Family Friendly club....Recruiting Now!!!

P.O. Box 315, Joondalup WA 6919

Phone: Nikita Walters – Club President
0403 727 151

Email: info@jaguarssoftball.org.au

Website: jaguarssoftball.org.au



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Balga Friday Markets

Every Friday at Princess/Wallington
Reserve Balga

Sellers admitted
from 6.30 am to 12 noon at \$15.00 per bay
Buyers welcome from 8am to 12 noon

Assorted goods for sale, morning tea/coffee
Snacks can be purchased

Max Geue 0423 416 723 or
Alan Stafford 9342 4895
for further details

DATES TO REMEMBER for Term 4

Students Return Tuesday	15 Oct
Yr 12 Last Day	23 Oct
Yr 12 Graduation	24 Oct
Yr 12 Exams Start	30 Oct
Yr 10 Exams Start	11 Nov
Yr 11 Exams Start	18 Nov
Yr 11 Last Day	5 Dec
LAST DAY OF TERM Thursday	19 Dec

