



BALGAZETTE



The Newsletter of Balga Senior High School

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Merry Christmas

Principal: *Mr M Carton* Associate Principal: *Ms H McGill* Deputy Principals: *Mr Tom Jones & Mr N Samuels*



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As this year comes to an end, I want to acknowledge the fantastic work of all my staff throughout this year. My teachers, support staff, admin officers, cleaners, maintenance and gardening staff and bus drivers are a fantastic team and they ensure students have the best education possible.

Over the course of this year we have had a number of significant announcements and upgrades undertaken. Our fully refitted Science block will be completed for the commencement of next year and this is a 21st century learning area that will service our students well for years to come. In addition, we had the confirmation that we would have a fully refitted STEAM Centre and most significantly a new Performing Arts Centre. These projects are currently in the planning phase. Architects have been appointed and they are completing design models which will be presented to the school in the first half of next year. Once this is done and approved, a tender will be advertised and the actual building project is due to commence in December 2022 with a completion date of December 2023.

The commitment to our school with the investments by the department over the last three years has amounted to almost \$10 million and this reflects the positive reputation our school and community has built.

I would like to acknowledge the group of parents and community members who have come together to make our P&C a functional body. It has been fantastic to see how many people are prepared to work together to help our school progress. They have some great fundraising ideas planned for 2022 – so look out for this information.

As we head into 2022, it is important I address the COVID plan we have in place. As you know, the Premier has announced a date for the borders to open in early February and this will at some point result in some transmission into the broader community.

As a school we have plans in place to ensure student learning is maintained either remotely (online) or through paper packages. It is essential that we have up to date contact details for families so that we can provide accurate and timely information should we have a direct impact on school operations.

Please ensure you keep in touch with what is happening within the school by visiting our website and facebook pages. This is a quick way to connect with the school and, in the event of an interruption to learning through COVID, all information will be provided through these two forums.

Our school will have a single domain review of our Quality Teaching focus in Term 1 and staff have been working over this year to develop strong models to improve student outcomes. I will present this report after the review.

I wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a safe and relaxing holiday. I look forward to our new students returning in 2022 and achieving fantastic results.

Mr Mark Carton - Principal

TERM 1 2022 STUDENTS RETURN

Monday 31 January 2022

Please note the uniform shop will be open the week before school starts

(see dates below)

Thursday 27 January 2022

9.00am – 3.30pm

Friday 28 January 2022

9.00am – 3.30pm

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers

You may have noticed a yellow asbestos awareness sticker near the front entrance to the office.

All Western Australian public schools are required to display this sticker at eye height near the front office or reception. This alerts contractors, tradespersons and any other people that may undertake work at the school that asbestos containing materials may exist at the school. They must check with the school's Asbestos Containing Materials Register before commencing any work.

This register is kept at the front desk and is always available to contractors and their workers. It is also available to school staff and parents as information on managing asbestos containing materials in schools and work places. The Department considers the safety and welfare of students and staff to be the highest priority. Making all contractors aware of the presence of asbestos containing materials is a key part of the Department of Education's asbestos management strategy.

If you have any concerns regarding asbestos containing materials at the school, please do not hesitate to bring them to my attention.

Yours sincerely Principal

**MERRY CHRISTMAS &
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR
STUDENTS & THEIR
FAMILIES FROM
THE STAFF OF BALGA SHS**



MATHEMATICS

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

At the beginning of Term 3, 22 of our students from Year 7 to Year 12 competed in the Australian Mathematics Competition. All students who participated received a certificate and had the opportunity to enjoy a reward excursion to SciTech.

Special congratulations to the following four students who attained a credit certificate:

- Roger Bolgia Year 10
- Chloe Robbins Year 10
- Trang Ngo (Aries) Year 10
- Tien Nam Nguyen (David) Year 12



YEAR 11 MATHEMATICS

Congratulations to Nang Khup Thian Khai (Michael) for achieving 95% in his second semester ATAR exam. This outstanding mark is the highest score we have had at Balga SHS. Well Done Michael!

The Year 11 Essential classes have been working on their final assessment task for the year. They measured distance and time to calculate speed.



Ms Jennifer Bulloch – HoLA Mathematics



The 2021 school year is almost over, however, students across all year groups have been working extra hard to ensure their final assessments are their best quality work in the lead up to reporting time. Teachers have been encouraging students to set high standards, which will place them well to achieve success in the English Learning Area next year.

In Term 4 students in Year 11 have completed their courses and teachers have begun to introduce their classes to the Year 12 syllabus, as well as preparing them for the Externally Set Tasks, or ESTs as they are generally referred. For those students yet to pass their OLNA, we encourage you to make the most of the holidays and continue to work on improving your reading and writing skills. Simple online activities, such as Read Theory, are interesting and provide instant feedback to the student. Visiting the local library to have some quiet time to read or borrow books, is also an easy way to consolidate vital literacy skills. Remember, the first round of OLNA testing next year is in March!

In the Middle School area, our Year 10 classes viewed the film, Race, directed by Stephen Hopkins, focusing on the themes explored, as well as characterisation. They also read and analysed Indigenous Poetry and examined the techniques used by poets to convey their powerful messages. Our Year 9 students also explored the Poetry genre and had a go at writing their own poems and creating colourful posters for them. I have included photos of some students with their posters. The students put a great deal of effort in their final pieces and should be proud of their fantastic work. Well done to all these hard working students who designed some amazing posters.



In the Junior School, the Year 8 classes learnt about the language and terminology used when analysing visual texts. They also explored the importance of characterisation, through various short stories studied in class. Some time was also spent on consolidating and developing their spelling, punctuation and grammar skills, which are vital to progression in English. The Year 7 classes viewed the film Matilda directed by Danny De Vito, and wrote journal entries from a characters perspective, detailing a day in the life of their chosen character. They also read the short story Only Ten written by Allan Baillie. The students designed book covers for the story and completed comprehension activities.

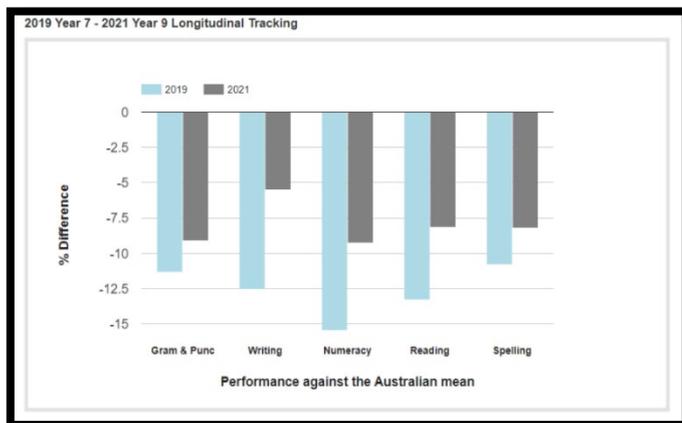
During the long summer break, students and families are encouraged to allocate some time to reading, especially when there are days where it is too hot to be outdoors. It is also a great alternative to being on electronic devices for endless hours, which is certainly not healthy for our teenagers. Studies have also shown it helps to develop the imagination, as well as improve spelling, grammar, punctuation and comprehension skills.

As 2021 concludes, I would like to thank all the wonderful English teachers for their hard work over the year. It is their commitment to literacy and learning, which has enabled all our students to improve and achieve their own individual successes in the English Learning Area. I look forward to working with you in 2022.

Ms Silvana Cockroft – HoLA of English

NAPLAN Data indicates strong individual academic Progression from year 7 to 9

Pleasing results from our recent NAPLAN data indicates a strong progression in individual student achievement. The data indicates that students who began their learning journey at Balga SHS, completing Year 7 NAPLAN and then continuing to their Year 9 NAPLAN, demonstrated academic gains which aligned with, and exceeded, National expected progression in both Numeracy and Literacy. This is an outstanding result for our students and the teachers who have worked closely with the students to support them in their learning. These students will be in Year 10 in 2022, where we will work closely with students to support them in their OLN achievement in readiness for Senior School.



Homework Club

Firstly, thank you to the staff who continuously volunteered their time, week in and week out, to support our students at Homework Club. We must also thank the Pastoral Care office for always supplying our hard working students with afternoon tea. It has been appreciated!

This term it has been great to see lots of students taking advantage of the tutoring sessions to support their learning. We have had students from all areas of the school seek help with their homework.



It was also great to see other students helping their peers, demonstrating our motto, 'Strength in Unity'. Kristina Le from LS1 Year 7, enjoyed writing a poem and sharing it with the Homework Tutors.

Literacy in Outdoor Education

It was great to catch up with Tim Cornish and hear all about the Outdoor Education Camp, which was held Week 4, to see how he was linking literacy into the Outdoor Education program. After a strenuous 3 day hike, students returned to school to write a recount, sharing their experiences. Have a look at some of their comments.

"Now this one was very challenging, both physically, and mentally. At one point it left me swinging, crying demanding every last piece of energy I had left. There was no going back" Piper Year 10.

"I did not want to go in because I am claustrophobic, but I did it anyway. We went down a wild cave pipe and then we crawled through a small space, and then it opened up and it was amazing" Brayden 8.2.

"I was pretty tired, but I could see Mr Cornish taking the next challenge, so I had a go but alas I nearly got stuck due to a lack of stamina" Jacob Year 10.4.

Macqlit Literacy Program Year 7 Success

To support students further in their literacy development, selected students in the Year 7 cohort, have been working hard with Sally Parcej, our MacqLit trained Education Assistant. She has been taking small groups of students, in our mainstream school, to focus on explicit literacy skills to progress learning. This program is designed as a reading intervention program which, through a sequencing of lessons, aims to embed foundational literacy skills.

The results have been fantastic. Students are reporting an increased confidence when learning in the classroom. Here is Hser Eh Kaw Moo 7.2 working with Sally.



Ms Lisa James – Year 7-10 Programs Manager



SCIENCE

Renovations continue in the Science block. Two laboratories and the preparatory area are now ready for use. The first week of Term 4 was explosive in sorting resources, setting up the classes and working out the IT systems. Thanks to our Laboratory Technician, Imogen Parsons, who tirelessly got things in place so that lessons could start smoothly.

In Term 4, Year 12 students celebrated their first and last week in the new science classes and completed their courses with gratifying grades. Most students will be enrolling in nursing at ECU and some will join technical courses at TAFE. We wish them all the best in their future endeavour.

Year 10 students have covered Global systems and Origin of Earth, Galaxies and the life cycles of a star. They studied the affiliation between the four main systems Geosphere, Hydrosphere, Biosphere and the Atmosphere and dynamically participated and debated topics like climate change, ozone depletion, greenhouse gases and how humans contribute to global warming. They also explored outer space through telescope studies and were dazed at the massiveness of the universe. Our future scientists are showing challenging signs of contributing positively to the global issues at hand.

Year 9s studied the Tectonic plates, Volcanoes and Earthquakes. They constructed 3-D models of volcanoes and tested each type with explosive lava. They learnt how to read earthquakes using the Richter scale and estimate the damage caused. It was interesting to locate recent earthquakes and volcanoes as students discovered how safe they were in Australia away from any plate boundaries.

Year 8 classes learnt about the Earth structure and the Rock cycles. Using crayon curls, chocolate and lollies, they designed stunning models of sedimentary and metamorphic rocks. They looked at real rocks from our rock collection, enthusiastically identified crystals in rocks and learnt the hardness of rocks using the Mohs scale. To summarise their learning, most students attended the ROC-Ed Learning Centre at Roy Hill on 3 December to drive a large wheel loader via simulator and gain first-hand experience about the mining industry.

Year 7 students have studied Earth, its rotations, seasons, days and nights and the tides.



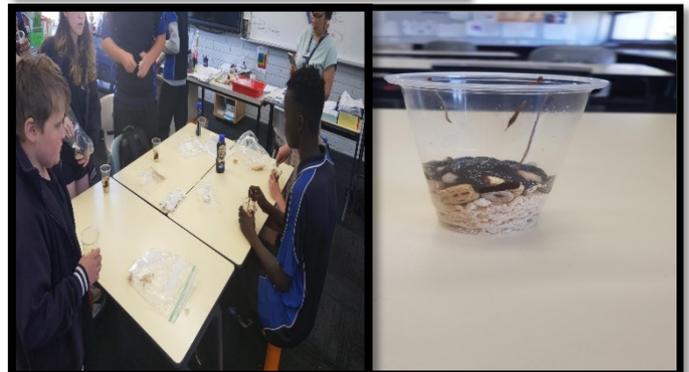
SCIENCE

They exhibited planets and researched conditions on these planets. They linked these with other subjects like English to create stories and journeys of imaginary beings. Mars journey was an interesting topic that most students participated in with vigour.

It's been a thrilling term and the science team wishes everyone a safe and relaxing Christmas break and a great start to 2022.



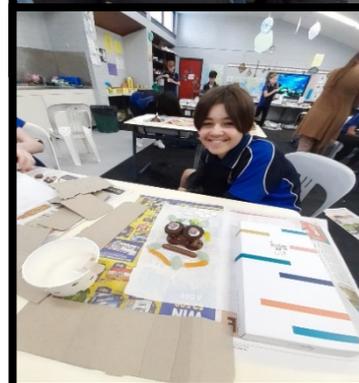
Year 12 students on their last day in science



Year 8 students understand how sedimentary rocks form by replicating the process with different cereals and chocolate sauce.



This semester part of year 7.1 study was Earth in Space. Students were able to create a Mars colony to sustain human life. Students also completed a research project to understand: the seasons, tides, phases of the moon and the planets.



**Ms Gudyy Litt
LaC Science**

SPOILT FOR CAREER CHOICES

This term has seen another round of exciting career opportunities being explored by Balga students. In particular, the Year 9.1 students attended the annual University of Western Australia’s Aspire Race around Campus in Crawley. A range of interesting and interactive activities were offered on the day and the students also had the opportunity to network with university staff and ask questions regarding possible career pathways.

The Year 11s enjoyed an excellent Australian Defence Force presentation from representatives of the Royal Australian Navy and Royal Australian Army. The students were very keen to hear about the career paths of the two servicemen and the many exciting opportunities and benefits available to recruits. The ADF offers excellent pay and conditions and many students were excited when they learned about the Gap Year initiative and the range of sporting opportunities that exist within the organisation.

Prior to their departure, all Year 12s completed the Career Fast Track career development program to assist their career planning post school and completed applications for TAFE and university. As a result many were offered a place in their chosen course for 2022 in a variety of courses. At this point all the hard work at school pays off, and students are able to enrol in the course of their choice. In addition, our current Year 11 cohort have completed the first stage of the Career Fast Track program in preparation for their career planning sessions in 2022.

The new year will also see a new initiative in the Careers space for many schools including Balga, where the Department of Education is funding and training staff to take on full time Career Practitioner positions. I look forward to 2022 being a very busy and exciting year for our students with new careers programs being introduced.



Ms Mandy Hampson – Careers Coordinator

HaSS DEVELOPS YOUNG LEGAL EAGLES AND INFORMED CITIZENS

As part of their studies in Civics and Citizenship, students in Year 8 Humanities and Social Sciences participated in interactive sessions on the Australian electoral system presented by the Electoral Education Centre. All the students voted in a mock election and are now ready to exercise their democratic right to vote once they reach 18. The students in Ms Davies’ Year 8 class visited the WA Parliament and Constitution Centre where they were fortunate to have had an exchange with our Premier, the Honourable Mark McGowan, BA, LLB, MLA. In addition, the students in Year 9.1 visited the Supreme Court and Old Court House Law Museum to participate in the Francis Burt Law Education Program. The goal of the organisation is to advance the WA communities understanding of the law, legal principles and the court system. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day and benefited greatly, especially from engaging in role play in the court.



Once again, the Year 10.1 HaSS class has benefited from our connection with the legal firm, KW Mallesons and their Australia wide pro bono program. The firm conducted incursions to compliment the students' work in Civics and Citizenship with a youth focused program called Talk Law. For the final event of the year, the students and I visited the offices of KWM at the QB1 building in central Perth to participate in a mock trial followed by a morning tea. The students were able to fully experience and engage in a role play of a courtroom scenario. This provided our students with a wonderful insight into the rights of young people and the law and provided a fantastic networking opportunity. The experience on the day, along with the morning tea and the views, was amazing.

In addition, in both Foundation and General Career and Enterprise, the students left, fully equipped with an employment portfolio and electronic portfolio to enable them to apply for courses and employment as they progress through their career/life journey.

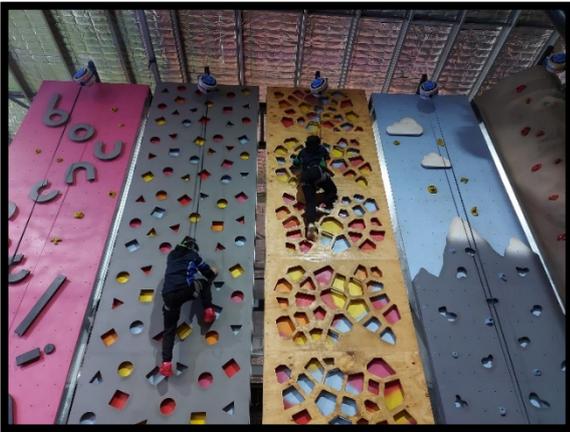


Ms Mandy Hampson – LaC HaSS

IEC Graduation Excursion Semester 1 2021

On Friday, 30 August, Term 3, our wonderful class 3.2 had their graduation from the IEC. After our ceremony and morning tea, we went on our excursion to Latitude in Joondalup. We had a lot of fun jumping around, doing some team building games and climbing on the walls. We had races climbing the wall, and some of us were very good at it and were able to climb up very fast. We were very fortunate to go this time after our graduation was cancelled in Term 2 due to Covid-19.

It was amazing!



Ms Steffi Selle – Teacher IEC

Science is fun

This term IEC 2.3 had a lot of fun in Science. They did a lot of hands-on activities which allowed them to make discoveries on their own and enhanced their critical thinking skills. Well done, IEC 2.3!



Exploding volcanic activity



The digestive system - What happens to our food?



Ms Lorraine Marie – Teacher IEC



DRAMA NEWS

Act Belong Commit YOH Fest is WA's leading health themed youth festival. Since 1998, our school has been involved in this competition. YOH Fest has provided a platform for thousands of school students across WA to explore important health topics whilst experiencing the fun of the Arts. YOH Fest is curriculum aligned and assists us in providing external performance opportunities for our students. This year our Drama program entered two teams into the competition (86 performers). Over 300 schools across Western Australia entered the competition, and both our teams were 2 of the eight grand finalists. We are excited to announce that our Senior team was awarded Runner-up on the night.



This huge achievement will provide prize money to fund further productions. Both our teams were exceptional on the night, performing to the best of their ability. Both teams received outstanding feedback from the external judges and audience members. We are so very proud of each and every Drama student who performed with integrity, focus and outstanding skill.

***Ms Jenna Broadhurst & Ms Kate Maughan
Teachers of Drama***



WPL/VET

Balga TAFE was the venue for six of our students to complete a Bricklaying course at the end of October. This short four week course provided opportunities to improve skills in bricklaying to complete home improvement projects and build new homes. Our students learned the basics from using tools, cutting bricks, mixing mortar, laying bricks correctly, levelling and plumb work techniques. The experience involved early starts every day and hard physical work when doing practical activities. Each student built up several walls and achieved a White Card giving them the right to work on a building site and also experience a week on the job with an employer. Well done to Sol, Alex, Errol, Sophie, Lilly and Liam. Mathew and Rishona also completed Cert II in Automotive at Midland TAFE.

Mr Paul Menlove – Engagement Teacher



HOSPITALITY

In Term 3 a highlight for the term was Hospitality being asked to cater for and serve morning tea for Senior citizens at the Girrawheen Koondoola Senior Citizens Centre. This community morning tea was the initiative of Meredith Hammat, MLA for Mirrabooka, with the guest speaker being the Honourable Mr Don Punch MLA, Minister for Seniors and the Ageing. The students enjoyed interacting with invited guests and served tea, coffee and delicious treats throughout the morning. Congratulations to Miss Brown and all the Year 11 and 12 students involved in a wonderful event.

Ms Annette Connop – LaC Home Economics



HOSPITALITY



HOME ECONOMICS

2021 is rapidly drawing to a close and Term 4 has been a continual buzz of exciting activity.

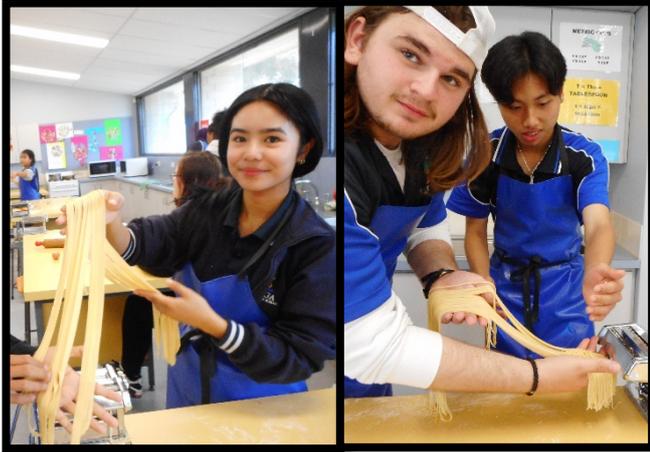
The Year 7 and 8 'Food and Textiles for Life' classes spent Term 4 getting creative in the textiles room. In this busy class, they focused on developing their skills using the sewing machine and overlocker. The students enjoyed creating two handy projects to use at home, a heat pack and an eco-friendly shopping bag. It was fabulous to see how proud the students were of their work.





HOME ECONOMICS

The Year 9/10 Food Science and Technology (International Foods) class continued their virtual tour of the world's cultures and cuisines, producing some delicious recipes. The highlight this term was the production of homemade pasta and researching the origin of pasta and noodles, discovering the possible connection of Marco Polo with the introduction of pasta to Italy!



The IEC Food and Textiles classes enjoyed repurposing and recycling denim clothing. Our two highlights were hand-making denim roses and beautiful feather wall -hangings. All students were delighted with these simple yet effective designs.

The Year 9/10 Textiles class, completed their hoodies and commenced creating hand embroidered, zip enclosed bags. We are all looking forward to seeing how they turn out.



Earlier this year, the Year 11/12 'Children, Family and the Community' class, made beautiful fabric drawstring bags and filled them with various personal care products to donate to the 'It's in the Bag' campaign through the charity 'Share the Dignity'.



HOME ECONOMICS

They donated seven adult bags with items including, but not limited to: deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste, hairbrush, shampoo and conditioner, body wash, loofah, hand sanitiser, pads and tampons.

They donated five baby and bub bags to the school's "Young Parents Program" These included items such as: baby wipes, baby shampoo and bath wash, dummies, bottles, maternity pads, body wash for mum, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste, hand sanitiser and nappy rash cream.

The annual bag collection runs from 19 to 28 November. Ms Brown recently dropped our donations off at the local collection point Bunnings. A wonderful initiative, well done to all involved.



Year 11/12 Hospitality classes have completed their year with enormous success. 100% off the Year 12s have successfully completed their Certificate II Hospitality, under the guidance of Ms Brown and Mrs Jansen. The Year 12 students were rewarded for their function and course work with lunch at The Atrium restaurant at Crown Perth. This is always a highlight of the year, with delicious cuisine from around the world and a terrific way to celebrate the completion of their certificate. Congratulations to all for their hard work and perseverance over the two-year course.

I would like to thank Jessica Brown, Jan Jansen and Ros London for a job well done throughout the year, guiding our students to achieve wonderful outcomes. Thanks must also go to our Home Economics assistants, Rosie Symes and Brigette Ricci, who work behind the scenes and in our classes throughout the year, once again an incredible job.

Ms Annette Connop - LaC Home Economics.

Design and Technology

Students are completing their academic year by investigating, designing, producing, and evaluating a personal project using the skills and materials gained and used in their classes. Students have created a range of projects including furniture, models, custom boxes, brass bells, wooden games, and barbecues. A project proving particularly popular is the Year 9-10 small table. Students have made a custom piece of furniture using various techniques including, traditional wood joinery and modern manufactured fittings.

**Certificate II in Applied Digital Technologies**

Our Year 11 students from both Balga SHS and participating NNEI schools have completed their work for the year with all achieving competencies to continue and complete their Certificate II course in 2022. Current Year 10's participated in an orientation during Week 8 where they had a taste of the course. The students discovered they will learn and demonstrate work-ready skills in computing hardware and software, electronic communication, workplace health and safety, and more.

STEM Club

Led by Dr London and supported by Mr Hogarth and other teachers, our students have had the opportunity to join a new afterschool club. The students have used Drones, Robotics, and learned about 3D design. Some of the students are also preparing for a Drone Competition, where they have the chance to win great prizes.

STEM Engagement Days

During Term 4, Year 5 and 6 students from local primary schools were invited for one of four STEM Engagement Days at Balga SHS. The visitors experienced and participated in our programs including Robotics, Drones, F1 in School, and Bottle Rockets. Participants enjoyed their time, one visiting teacher gave the following feedback.

“Thank you to all the teachers for sparking a greater interest in STEM in our students, and high school in general”

**Gardening**

A wet winter has helped the students grow great leafy green produce though the weather has made outdoor work challenging. The spring plants are getting ready to come to market with peas and cabbages good to go. Companion planting has been practised to support the healthy growth of plants while minimising pests and nutrient loss. Marigolds were planted to encourage pollinators and also sell well as potted flowers. Each week, students market fresh produce to staff, and consider in their planning, the crops with the highest demand.

F1 in schools

Our F1 in Schools students participated in the state final held at North Lake Campus on November 18. This year, Balga SHS students were responsible for the track, arriving early to set up and test the track. Our team, named Celeritas, looked great in their team shirts which were supplied by their sponsor, KC Australia.



Mr Liam Penstone – LAC Design and Technology



LEARNING SUPPORT

CAVERSHAM WILDLIFE PARK EXCURSION

On Friday 26 November 2021 the whole of Learning Support went on an Excursion to Caversham Wildlife Park. Everyone had an amazing day, watching a Farm Show, having photos with all sorts of animals including Fred the Koala. The day ended with students feeding the kangaroos.



LEARNING SUPPORT

Wednesday 1 December 2021 Learning Support held their 2021 Showcase for parents/carers, staff and students. The audience was guided by our MC's Nermen Alsaman and Benjamin James and entertained by LS1s Inclusivity play, and LS2 and LS Senior School premiering their Movie on 'Job Ethics'.

All staff and parents who attended were extremely proud of everyone's efforts. Well done, Learning Support.



*Ms Lenka McPherson
Learning Support Program Manager*

STUDENT SERVICES

The School Based COVID-19 Vaccination Program Clinics ran at the school in November with students, families and staff accessing a vaccination. Thank you to all staff who supported the organisation of the clinics and to students for their excellent behaviour.



Mr Tom Jones – Deputy Principal

STUDENT SERVICES

Thank You Morning Tea

Balga Senior High School is lucky to have volunteers from many organisations that assist with Breakfast Club, Recess activities, mentoring, supplying food to Student Services and supporting in classes. To thank these volunteers, the Year 11 Hospitality students prepared a High Tea which was held in the school restaurant. Each volunteer was presented with a small gift as a token of our appreciation.



*Ms Ros Playforth
Student Services Program Manager*

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

YEARS 7 TO 12
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO:

\$350

Towards school expenses

- DO YOU HOLD A:
- CENTRELINK HEALTH CARE CARD
 - (OR) ● CENTRELINK PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD
 - (OR) ● VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

Friday 8 April 2022

Ask school reception for more information

CHAPLAIN

Hi, I just want to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Susan Earle and I am the new school Chaplain at Balga Senior High School. I am excited to be appointed to this position and look forward to becoming part of this school and the community of Balga, which I have already found incredibly friendly and welcoming. I will be at Balga Senior High School Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

I am a passionate and committed YouthCARE School Chaplain with 15 years' experience, dedicated to working within the culture of the school and I am excited about joining the Student Services Team at Balga.





2021 Balga SHS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

What a fantastic day it was for our annual Inter-House Athletics Carnival and we couldn't have done it without all of the support of staff. We were fortunate enough to have ideal weather conditions, which helped for a successful day. Students competed in running events, long jump, shot put and the team novelty events. For the first time we introduced the Dodgeball Challenge and this proved to be a very popular event. A five-way rotation was used on the day to maximize participation and provide all students with the opportunity to try something new. Congratulations to Markham who were overall house champions for 2021.

House results for the day:

1st Place - Markham 6569 points

2nd Place - Redcliffe 6562 points

3rd Place – Beach 6451 points

BALGA SHS ATHLETICS CHAMPION BOY & GIRL & RUNNER UP RESULTS FOR 2021

AGE	BOYS	GIRLS
12	Jacob Cawthorne	Lulu Culbong
	Bi Day Lay	Samira Yosufi
13	Baruku Cirhuza	Jovania Ngabire
	S Bumbalough	Jahlia Ryder
14	Htoo Law La Moo	H Isaacs Nettleton
	Ryan Culbong	Shiqi Tang
15	Prince Sallay	Devina Garlett
	Hser Mya Shee	Asumin Mireye
16 &	Al Aktham Alsafouri	Brooklyn Garlett
Over	Yanick Kalonda	Hta Na Paw Bwit



Interschool Athletics Carnival 2021

A select squad of 51 Balga SHS students were chosen to be part of the Year 7-10 Interschool Athletics Carnival at the WA Athletics Stadium in Floreat on 1 November. Our students conducted themselves exceptionally well with some great individual and team performances.

Highlights of the day included:

- Sebastian Bumbalough: 1st place in the Year 8 Boys Long Jump Division B
- Htoo Law La Moo – 3rd place in the Yr9 Boys 100m Hurdles
- Roger Bolgia – 2nd place in the Yr10 Boys Long Jump Division A & 1st place in Boys 4 x 100m team relay.
- Congratulations to our Year 10 Boys Relay Team 1st Place: Hser Mya Shee, Htoo Law La Moo, Bruno Nascimento, Roger Bolgia winning the 4 x 100m relay and tearing up the track!
- Ragheed Mansoor – 3rd Place Yr 8 Boys Discus Division B
- Htoo Law La Moo – 3rd place Yr 9 Boys 100m Division A
- Hser Mya Shee – 1st Place Yr 10 Boys 100m Division B
- Lah K’Paw Ku Lweh – 1st place Yr 10 Boys Long Jump Division B
- To Say Po – 3rd place Yr10 Boys 100m Division A



Mr Rob Milevski – LAC Health & Phys ED



POLICE RANGERS

The Police Rangers have had a great semester during our Monday afternoon sessions. They have learnt a range of different Rangers content and students have really enjoyed the marching, self-defence and First Aid sessions, not to mention the fun sessions of Laser Tag and target kick ball.

All students have worked hard at progressing their Police Rangers skills in Semester 2 and we are looking forward to the end of year camp to celebrate the 2021 Police Rangers year.



POLICE RANGERS



*Ms Brydie Donald & Mr Bejhan Alitovski
Teacher Health, Phys Ed & Police Rangers*

Arts Week 2021 was a fantastic celebration of Balga's talent and creativity. Over three days, Visual Arts students from Years 7-12, exhibited their work in the school library. Drawings, paintings, printmaking, sculptures and textiles filled the space for everyone to see. Congratulations to our exhibiting students, your energy and hard work made the show a great success.

Our talented Year 11 students have just completed their final sculptural work. Following an investigation into the work of Rodin and Piccinini, the class progressed their ideas into sculptural clay busts, with creative characterisation and facial expressions.





The undulating shapes of eucalyptus leaves were the starting point of a Year 7/8 drawing and design challenge. The class added texture, lines and some very impressive foliage stencils to their slab constructed, cylindrical clay vases.



The Be Creative Business enterprise students, continue to produce fabulous work. This term, the class used their carving skills to create spectacular food inspired, linoleum prints. Our enterprise students are continuing to extend their abilities in all areas of art and design.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Visual Arts team for their dedication and hard work this year. Creativity is a valuable skill, it's great to see so many staff and students exploring and nurturing Balga's tremendous talent. Don't forget to get busy these holidays, be confident, be productive, explore, design and create. Happy holidays, everyone.

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