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ANZAC CEREMONY

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PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Hello Everyone

Many thanks to everyone who participated in our ANZAC ceremony held on Friday 24 April. Special thanks to Mrs Holdsworth, Mr van den Beuken and the Year 6 student leaders for their hard work organising and conducting the service, and to Ms Pinakis and the school choir for their beautiful singing.



With the wet weather and winter fast approaching, I would like to remind everyone about the importance of taking care on the road, particularly when approaching student crosswalks. Remember to drive slowly with due attention when dropping off and picking up students from the *student drop off and pick up area*.

Best wishes to all Mums for a very special and enjoyable Mother's Day coming up on Sunday (10 May).

Have a great weekend everyone.

Peter Gates
Principal

NAPLAN – National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy

Once again all Australian schools will conduct annual testing of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy using national tests. The language conventions tasks assess students' skills in spelling, grammar and punctuation.

All Years 3 & 5 students will be assessed. The assessment tasks will take place from 12 May to 14 May inclusive. A parent information pamphlet about NAPLAN has been sent home with today's newsletter.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Our next assembly will be held on Friday 15 May, commencing at 9.00 am with our Year 4 class performing the item. Parents, grandparents, friends and community members are very welcome to attend.

BOOK FAIR



BOOK FAIR – 10 & 11 June, 2015 I am looking for parents to volunteer before and after school for 30 minutes. Please notify the library if you are able to help out. **Kay Keen – Library Officer**

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

In the last newsletter I wrote about the BUZ nutrient of **connectedness**.

This newsletter is about the second skill area – **Confidence**.

In a child's language, confidence is “**I want to be good**”, or “**good at something**”. One of the BUZ keys to making friends says: “if you want someone to like you, first you have to like yourself.”

So, this fortnight, think about what you are good at and what you like about who you are. Believe in yourself, give your best to whatever you do (our May virtue of excellence), and keep trying.

Parents and carers – we need to think about how we can teach our children the skills of doing well. It involves encouraging them when we see them putting in effort and trying their best & giving them opportunities to attempt new things so they can discover what they are good at. We will then cultivate students/children who are confident and therefore resilient.

Have a great fortnight

Larissa McCarthy
Chaplain



VIRTUE OF THE MONTH – EXCELLENCE

What is Excellence?

Excellence is doing your best. It is giving your very best to any task you do or any relationship you have. It is a desire for perfection. When you practise excellence, you bring your gifts to fruition.

Why Practise It?

Excellence is the key to success. People who don't practise excellence just do things half way. Usually they don't have very exciting or fruitful lives. Doing your best helps you find out what talents you have. You may discover something no-one has ever thought of before. When you practise excellence, you can make a difference in the world.

Signs of Success

Congratulations! You are practising **Excellence** when you:

- give your best to whatever you do
- give your best to relationships
- set noble and realistic goals
- remember to plan and practise
- don't try to do everything



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MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Thankyou to all who came and supported our mothers day stall this year, it was a resounding success with \$310.90 raised!!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

If you're still looking for the perfect gift for mum, why not consider an Entertainment Book?

For only **\$65**, you will have access to over \$20,000 worth of value. You only need to use it twice, for it to have paid for itself. Get one for you and your Mum this Mother's day! PLUS you'll be helping Balcatta Primary School P&C, as 20% of each one we sell contributes to our School.



Available as the printed Entertainment™ Book that comes with a Gold Card and vouchers, or the Entertainment™ Digital Membership that puts all the offers onto your smartphone! Choose which one is right for you and your Mum.

It contains over 2,000 offers for up to 50% off and 2-for-1 at Perth's best restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotels, resorts, shopping and more that you can use whenever you like until 1 June 2016!

Early Bird orders placed prior to 30 June, will receive bonus vouchers worth up to \$150-00.

If you plan to place an order, please do so as soon as possible either by collecting a form from the office, or online at: www.entbook.com.au/860u80

DATES TO REMEMBER	
MAY	
Thursday 14 May	• Staff Meeting
Friday 15 May	• Assembly (Year 4)
Thursday 21 May	• Newsletter 7
Monday 25 May	• 'Shockproof 'Western Power Incursion
Tuesday 26 May	• School Council Meeting (3.30 pm) • P & C Meeting (7.00 pm)
JUNE	
Monday 1 June	• WA Day – Public Holiday Closed