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BALLIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

“Together we care, share and learn”

Term 3 Week 10 2026

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## From the Principals desk

As we wrap up another busy term, I want to say a big thank you to our wonderful students, staff, and families for all your hard work and enthusiasm. From swimming lessons to classroom adventures, we've created plenty of great memories together.

I wanted to let you know that I will be away for half the day on Thursday and all day on Friday this week. On Friday, I have the wonderful opportunity to spend the day at my new school for 2027 at Lake Macquarie. During my absence, Mrs Winkel will be looking after the class.

Over these two days, Liz has arranged for students to watch the movie 'Wonder'. Please make sure you have signed the consent form on School Bytes if you haven't already done so.

Now it's time to relax! I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved holiday break. Whether you are heading away, catching up with friends, or just taking it easy at home. Stay safe, have fun, and I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for another exciting term!

Happy holidays!

Miss Margot

## What's in this newsletter

- New Principal
- Swimming
- Principals News
- School Garden
- Student Garden Beds
- Media & Photo Publishing

## Calendar

- 25 September – Last day Term 3
- 12 October – Staff Development Day
- 13 October – Students Return Term 4
- 20 October – Wambangalang here
- 10 November – Deadly Science

## TERM 3 & 4 UPCOMING EVENTS

# **New School Principal Announcement 2027**

**We are pleased to announce that Mr Ben Fifield has successfully secured the position of Principal at Ballimore Public School and will commence in 2027.**

**We warmly congratulate Mr Fifield and are confident that the school will be in excellent hands under his leadership.**

**As I prepare to depart Ballimore Public School at the end of the year, I leave knowing the school is well positioned for a bright future.**



## **Garden Damage**

**Over the past few weeks, we have unfortunately noticed damage to our vegetable garden. Leaves have been removed, carrots pulled from the ground, and onion tops damaged. Our orange tree has also been harmed, with many of its branches broken off. This has been very upsetting for everyone, especially our students who take great pride in planting, caring for, and watering the garden.**

**In addition, our back gate has been found left open on several occasions. While we are unsure whether wildlife or people are responsible, it's important for everyone's safety and the security of our school grounds that gates remain closed.**

**We share this with the community to raise awareness and ask for your support in helping us protect the garden and school grounds. Thank you for helping us care for our school environment.**



## New Requirements for Media and Photo Publishing

As part of updated Department of Education guidelines, the following requirements now apply to all media and photo publishing at our school:

**Consent:** Written parental or guardian consent must be received before photos and media featuring students are published by the school. This consent is held on **your child's enrolment form**.

**Privacy:** Student privacy is protected. We will not publish students' full names alongside their images, and photos will be selected carefully to ensure student safety and dignity.

**Purpose:** Published photos and media will be used only for educational purposes, including newsletters, our website, and other official school communications.

**Withdrawal:** Families may withdraw or change their consent at any time by contacting the school office.

**Notification:** Families will be notified before any special events or projects where photos or media may be taken for publication.

If you have any questions, or wish to update your consent preferences, please contact the school office. Thank you for helping us share the wonderful stories of our school community safely and respectfully.



**Term Start  
Dates**

**A reminder that our Staff Development Day (SDD) will be held on Monday, 12 October.**

**Students will return to school on Tuesday, 13 October.**

**We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another great term!**

# Swimming Fun

Last week, our students had a fantastic time during their daily swimming lessons. Everyone got the chance to practice their swimming skills, learn about staying safe in the water, and try out new strokes. There were lots of smiles, laughter, and cheering as students encouraged each other and made great progress each day.

We are proud of all our swimmers!

## Adjustments to Learning Program During Swimming Lessons

During the week of swimming lessons, we noticed the students were getting quite tired as the days went on. To ensure they stayed engaged and happy, we made some adjustments to our teaching and learning program. These changes helped manage the students' energy levels while still providing valuable learning experiences.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we balance active and classroom-based learning.

