

# BATLOW TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL

# 'SCOOP'

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21 October 2021

Term 4 – Week 3 (A)



## Farewell Year 12-2021



# Principal's Message



Welcome back to Term 4

Lovely to see the students back at school and engaging with their learning. We welcome some new students to our school community and hope they enjoy their time with us. We are taking advantage of the beautiful weather and encourage students to enjoy learning outside and also make use of the oval at lunchtime.

This term we are again under some COVID-19 restrictions, as these ease I will certainly inform you and keep you up-to-date with the changing rules.

Lucinda Clay from Rural Outreach Counselling (ROC) will join us every Wednesday. ROC has gained grants under the bushfire recovery scheme, this means Lucinda will be with us for the next two years. Programs covering resilience, recovery and moving forward will be delivered in small groups across the school. Building the confidence and self-esteem of our students. Further information will be sent home at the beginning of 2022 to explain how these programs will be delivered.

There has been an increase of students bringing bags of lollies to school, we please ask for this not to occur as sharing of lollies may not be appreciated by other families.

Kindergarten Orientation and Year 7 Transition will be taking place this term, further information will be sent home to explain how this will take place due to our restrictions. It is always an exciting time when we welcome new students into our school and others that are moving from primary to high school.

Senior students commence their HSC on Tuesday 9 November 2021, these are very nervous times and we will ensure that we support our Year 12 cohort to be as prepared as possible.

As usual, the term passes by very quickly, there will be opportunities for students to engage in sporting schools' activities, creative arts, radio announcements and practical activities. Please keep your eye on our Facebook page, many class activities are placed on our media page for you to access.

Take care, any queries please call the school office between 8.30 am-3.30 pm. If your child is absent from school, please send a note in so that attendance can be recorded.

Enjoy the warmer weather and longer days.

*Michelle Wainwright*  
*Principal*

***Mrs Wainwright, attending a school assembly on Monday morning via zoom.***





# Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.



Education & Communities

## Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





### **My child won't go to school. What should I do?**

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

### **What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?**

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

### **What age can my child leave school?**

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

### **Working in Partnership**

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

**If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.**

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

#### **Policy, information and brochures:**

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

#### **The school leaving age:**

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

#### **Do you need an interpreter?**

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 512

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# SCOOP STAFF INTERVIEWS

by Annie, Cate and Shari (Primary Leaders)

## MEET MRS KASS

- 1 What's your favourite part about being a teacher? **Being a teacher and watching students grow into caring adults.**
- 2 For how long have you worked in Batlow? **Five years.**
- 3 How many children do you have? **Expecting one in January 2022!**
- 4 Who is your favourite author or what is your favourite book? **The Harry Potter series.**
- 5 When you were a child-what was your dream job? **A midwife**
- 6 What is your favourite season in Batlow? **Winter**
- 7 What's your favourite recipe to cook or eat? **Medium rare steak with mushroom sauce on the side and creamy garlic prawns.**



## MEET MS BEATTIE

- 1 What's your favourite part about being a teacher? **Getting to know about the cool kids**
- 2 For how long have you worked in Batlow? **Four years (since 2017)**
- 3 How many children do you have? **Two boys (16 and 18 years old)**
- 4 Who is your favourite author or what is your favourite book? **Markus Zusak - Bridge of Clay, as well as To Kill a Mockingbird**
- 5 When you were a child, what was your dream job? **Detective or Writer**
- 6 What is your favourite season in Batlow? **Autumn**
- 7 What's your favourite recipe to cook or eat? **Ravioli with creamy garlic and mushrooms**



## BATLOW TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL

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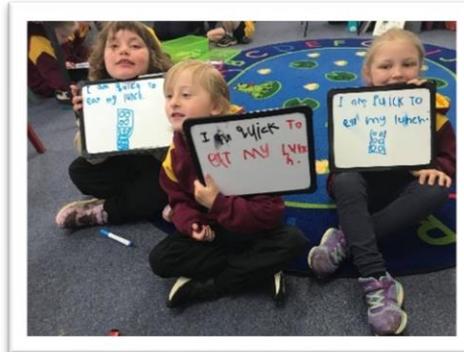
Our School Uniforms

# SCHOOL NEWS

## PRIMARY NEWS

### KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 NEWS

Kindergarten/Year 1 have enjoyed a productive and enjoyable start to Term 4. We have been working hard each morning to work on our literacy skills including phonics lessons, reading aloud, partner work and writing lessons.



Kindergarten/Year 1 have especially enjoyed listening to what other students have written each day. It is a great way to celebrate our hard work in writing!



In mathematics we have been learning about how to create and follow patterns made with shapes, colours and numbers.



Finally, in Week 2 we studied the quality text "Ellie's Dragon" and enjoyed making our own colourful and glittery dragons. They look wonderful!



*By Miss Singleton  
Kindergarten/Year 1 Teacher*

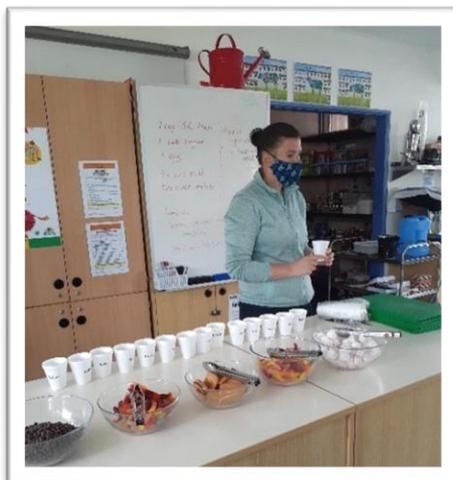
## YEAR 3/4 NEWS

Miss Fallon's Year 3/4 class are very happy to be back in the classroom. They have continued learning about mathematical concepts such as fractions and multiplication, applying these skills along with their developing knowledge of matter, material and properties in science.

We used these skills to make rocky road, where the students divided different ingredients into fractions and observed the process of solid to liquid and back to solid with the melting of chocolate.

All students loved this hands-on activity.

*By Miss Fallon, Assistant Principal*



### Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins  
per day



= 3 days



30 mins  
per day



= 18 days



Patterns of lateness  
can have a serious  
impact on your child's  
education.

## SOUNDS OF THE MOUNTAIN RADIO TALK, TERM 4, WEEK 2

**Annie**-Good afternoon listeners. It is great to be back at school for Term 4.

During lockdown Mr Dewar and the other teachers made the Batlow Technology School students booklets of worksheets and stapled them together for us to complete. We would pick the work packets up at the school gate where there would be year boxes. We would find our folders, take them home, do the work and try to return it a week later. Some students would have to come to school because their parents had to work so they would come to school to complete their worksheets and be supervised by a teacher in the library. All of the teachers worked really hard every week.

Every Monday morning, we have all the students and staff gather under the COLA for a school assembly. The principal and teachers say their news and the Year 6 leaders would announce the primary awards and pick two tokens out of our token box. The people's names that were called would get a free lunch from the Batlow Bakery on Friday. Unfortunately, because of COVID we can't do that at the moment, so we are going to do it on a Teams 'Zoom' call. Now all the class will join the call and we still do awards and tokens and then we get back to work.

This month our 2022 Kindergarten parent information evening will be held via Zoom on **Wednesday 27 October 2021 at 5.00 pm**. We look forward to welcoming our new Kinders to their Orientation days in November.

I will now hand over to Shari

**Shari**-Thank you for that Annie

Before lockdown we had a plan for a big book week parade. But sadly, lockdown and restrictions have now meant that this event cannot go ahead. The teachers are working hard to make a plan that could see our kids dress up as their favourite book characters and come to school later in the year.

On the first Wednesday back at school, we were back in the music room. Mr Dewar has added a few more instruments for us to learn, including his electric drum kit and a number of guitars, which we have been spending a lot of time on trying to get better at learning the notes and chords.

Every day before school, some wonderful teachers will take their time in the morning to make toast or hand out fresh fruit. Sometimes Mr Dewar and his class will make breakfast muffins and sometimes Mr Dewar will make Breakfast parfaits for kids to enjoy. We thank the teachers for providing healthy food for us.

Thanks goes to Mr Kass and Mrs Wainwright on the purchase of two new basketball sets for the school playground. This equipment is used during sport, PE lessons and at break times.

A huge thank you also goes to Mrs McVean who has been working on the whole school library stocktake. This is a huge job that is very much appreciated by the book-loving students and staff.

That's the end of our school news for this week. Thanks for listening.



**Sounds of the Mountains**

**FM,96.3**

Batlow Technology School radio talk is on every second Friday at 1.10 pm.

## YEAR 5/6 POEMS

### EMERALD LIES

A mysterious light hidden in the dark **never to be seen** far away a panic of the ocean a glow of the sea a rising of a wave a burst of sea a lie that awaits below the deep leaves a heart of gold an ocean of memories with wishes that were told always to be hidden but never to be told

*By Jayla*

### HUMONGOUS TREE-TINCY TREE

Big tree- Green tree  
Small tree- Brown tree  
Big leaves- Green leaves  
Small leaves- Brown leaves

When it gets cold  
The leaves change colours  
When the leaves change colour  
The leaves will fall

Red leaves  
Yellow leaves  
Orange leaves  
Purple leaves

In Spring it gets warmer  
Flowers grow  
Blossoms are in the air  
It smells like Spring

*By Lillie Linden*

### TREE POEM

Trees are blowing, leaves are falling,  
The sun is glowing,  
When it's night, the moon shines bright.  
Natural beauty, shading me.  
When it's bright it makes me hype.  
Birds are chirping, bees are buzzing,  
And when it's night they live happily ever after :) hehehe!

*By Lily Cowin*

## SECONDARY NEWS

### LEITH'S TELEVISION CABINET



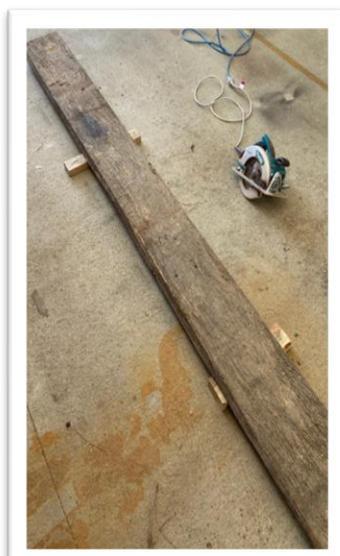
Leith's HSC Industrial Technology major project, he designed and built a television cabinet out of Mountain Ash. He started this project around the start of the year and finished it around the end of August 2021. Most of that time was spent joining timbers together to make the desired width of timber for the carcass of his cabinet. Door and drawer fronts have been profile cut for an added feature.

### SAMUEL'S TELEVISION CABINET



Samuel's HSC Industrial Technology major project, he designed and built a television cabinet out of Mountain Ash. He started his project at the start of Term 4 last year and finished it around the end of August 2021. Most of that time was spent joining timbers together to create the desired width of timber for the carcass of his cabinet. The design is unique, and the drawer fronts had to be cut to fit and they operate on push to open drawer runners, so no need for handles.

### JESSICA'S MAKE-UP TABLE



Jessica's HSC Industrial Technology major project, she designed and built a make-up table out of a Red Gum beam off an old road bridge (photo attached) and some Sugar Pine that was donated to the school after the fires went through the Sugar Pine walk near Laurel Hill. She started her project at the start of Term four last year and finished it around the end of August 2021. Most of her time was spent joining timbers together to create the desired width of timber for the tabletop, support leg and shelves. Her design incorporated three different size drawers and a mirror that is lit up by LED lighting.

*By Mr Black, Industrial Technology Teacher*



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## KINDERGARTEN 2022

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A parent information session will be held for Kindergarten 2022 on **Wednesday 27 October 2021** at 5.00 pm via zoom.

### Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/68277314175?pwd=TkFGSnhnMFArbTNncGErU1B2YXdXZz09>

**Meeting ID:** 682 7731 4175     **Passcode:** 308487

Parents are required to enrol online for Kindergarten 2022 at <https://batlow-c.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

### Kindergarten Orientation Dates:

All enrolled Kindergarten 2022 students can be dropped off at the office by parents at 9.10 am and collected from the office at 11.00 am. COVID-19 safe measures will be in place with mask and check-in required.

Wednesday 3 November 2021, 9.10 am-11.00 am

Wednesday 10 November 2021, 9.10 am-11.00 am

Wednesday 17 November 2021, 9.10 am-11.00 am

Wednesday 24 November 2021, 9.10 am-11.00 am



**BATLOW BAKERY**  
**PRICE LIST FOR**  
**BATLOW TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL 2021**  
**Mondays and Fridays only**

**HOT FOOD**

Party pies	\$1.00
Meat pies	\$3.20
Sausage rolls	\$3.00
Nuggets	\$0.90
Tomato or barbecue sauce	\$0.30

**SANDWICHES**

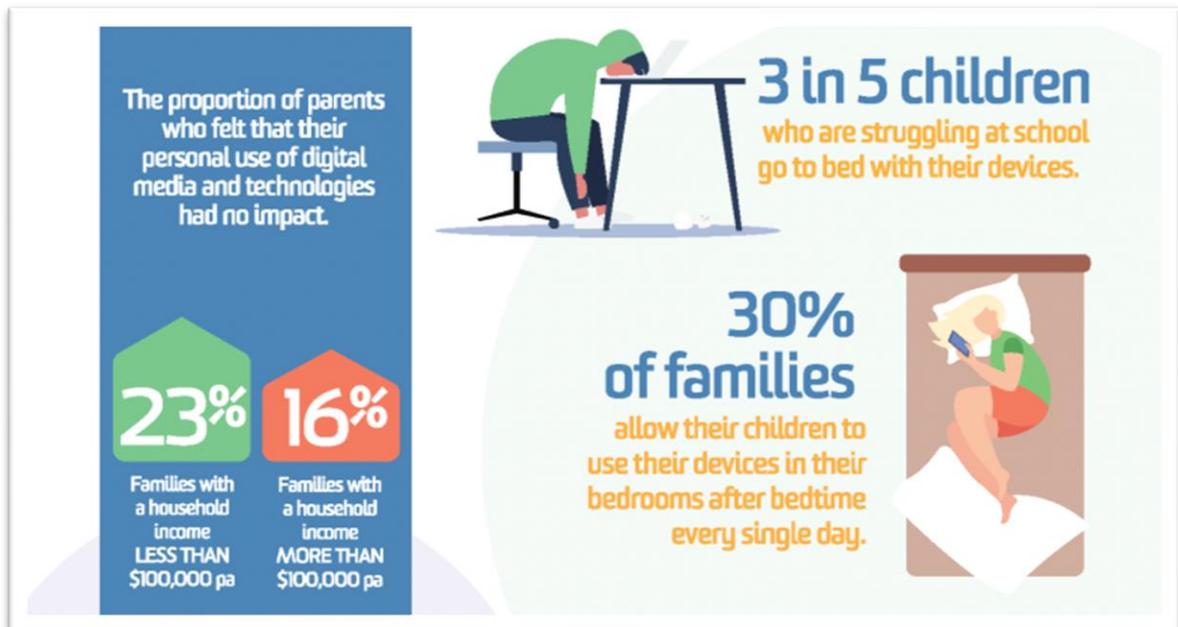
Ham	\$3.20
Ham and cheese	\$3.60
Ham and tomato	\$3.60
Chicken	\$3.20
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Vegemite	\$2.80
Cheese	\$2.80
Ham or chicken and salad	\$4.80
<i>Lettuce, carrot, tomato, beetroot and cucumber</i> <i>add cheese for extra</i>	\$0.50

**DRINKS**

Fruit boxes	\$1.60
<i>Apple, apple and blackcurrant, orange and tropical</i>	
Water 600 ml	\$1.80
Flavoured milk 300 ml	\$2.70
<i>Strawberry and chocolate</i>	

**TOASTED SANDWICHES**

Ham and cheese	\$4.00
Chicken and cheese	\$4.00
Cheese	\$2.50
Cheese and Tomato	\$3.20



**Students late to school**

Students who are late to school **MUST** have a note and sign in at the office before attending class. SMS are sent out at 10.00 am each morning and 3.00 pm each afternoon. If you receive an SMS you need to reply to the school about your child's absence.

# Nutrition Snippet

HEALTHY HALLOWEEN SNACKS.

Healthy snacks don't have to be boring!



Swap out the usual snacks for these healthier ideas:

- Witchy guacamole face
- Veggie and tzatziki skeleton
- Banana ghost and mandarin lanterns

For ideas and recipes visit: [healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)

Cancer Council  
Healthy Lunch Box

# Healthy Lunch Box recipe

## Zucchini muffins



### Ingredients

- 2 zucchinis, grated & liquid squeezed out
- 1 carrot, grated
- 125g tin corn kernels, drained
- 1 small red onion, finely diced
- 1 cup baby spinach leaves, chopped
- 1 cup wholemeal self-raising flour
- 6 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup reduced-fat tasty cheese, grated

### Method

- Preheat oven to 180°C. Line a 12-hole muffin tin with muffin liners.
- Heat a non-stick frypan over medium heat and cook the onion until translucent. Allow to cool.
- Place all ingredients into a large mixing bowl and mix until well combined.
- Divide the mixture between the 12 muffin liners. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until muffins are golden and a skewer comes out clean.

For more recipes visit: [healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)

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Healthy Lunch Box

# REMINDERS FOR TERM 4 2021



**Year 5/6 students  
researching recipes and  
eating mac and cheese**



## What's on at BTS

**Kindergarten 2022  
Zoom Meeting at 5.00 pm**  
Wednesday 27 October 2021

**Kindergarten Orientation**  
Wednesday 3 November 2021  
*10.00 am until 11.00 am*

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Wednesday 10 November 2021  
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Wednesday 17 November 2021  
*10.00 am until 11.00 am*

**Kindergarten Orientation**  
Wednesday 24 November 2021  
*10.00 am until 11.00 am*

**HSC Written Exams Commence**  
9 November 2021

**Remembrance Day**  
Thursday 11 November 2021  
11.00 am



**Presentation Day**  
Thursday 2 December 2021

**Last Day of Term 4**  
Thursday 16 December 2021