Welcome to the middle of a very busy Week 3 at Ballandean State School. We started the week with a surprise visit from Show Performance Tours—performing—‘Please Pass the Poetry’. This was an excellent way to catapult our writing for the week. Lots of fun and learning and great that the students have such a close encounter with The Arts.

We started our school lunch order from Le’Bel café and the students enjoyed Spaghetti Bolognese, a fruit cup and a drink. Good luck to Trentham—Year 5, who is representing our school at the Twilight GB Sports Swimming Trials tonight. On Friday we begin our interschool cricket and softball. Mr Andersen and Mrs Edwards have been working with the students to prepare them for the games. Thank you also to the parents who have kindly offered to transport students to the matches when needed—without you it wouldn’t happen! Good luck to the students, most importantly—have FUN!

Last week we began our Spelling and Reading groups, as well as our Thursday rotations. A little bit bumpy, however, things will get better as we iron those out. Many thanks to Sarah Betts for volunteering on a Thursday in the Library—it’s looking good. We also said goodbye to Mrs Egerton, who is heading off on maternity leave, however, will return with a little pink bundle of joy. Wishing her all the best and a big thank you to her for all the hard work in helping to organise our curriculum for 2017—huge help:).

Congratulations to our Art winners from the Stanthorpe Show. They were: Zachary—Y2, Penny—Y3 first place and Troy—Y3 second place. Fantastic effort from everyone. Thank you to the staff who worked with the students and in particular spent time presenting them.

This Friday night is the P&C Welcome BBQ at 6:00pm. This is a great opportunity for the school community to come together. Please make sure you return the form indicating the numbers coming (so the P&C are able to order enough meat) and if you are bringing salad/dessert. I’m looking forward to having a chance to chat to as many people as possible. This is a great school, please help to support it.

Kind regards

Julie Barber
Acting Principal
Attached to this Newsletter
GB Aussie Rules trials
BB Basketball trials
GB Tennis trials
Ballandean Twilight Markets
Community Dump Meeting
Religion for Term 1

Please send in your religion notes which were sent home last week. Please insert child/childrens religion, state if they wish to continue in this group, change religion or withdraw from religion.

Term 1 Sport

Softball vs Greenlands 2 at Greenlands, Transporters—Jess Andreatta and Matty Topatigh

Cricket vs Greenlands at home

Community news

Celebration fundraising Dinner at Dalveen Hall 11th February see noticeboard

Blue light disco Friday 17th February, see noticeboard

Warwick Redbacks A.F.C. See noticeboard for for more details

GB Basketball trials 14th February

GB Tennis trials 21st February

Toowoomba Rugby League All stars 25th February see noticeboard

GB Aussie rules trials 28th February

Community Meeting Ballandean Dump

A meeting will be held this Thursday 9th February at the Ballandean Hall at 5:50 pm. This meeting will form the basis of our response to council over the future direction of the dump at Ballandean. There will be an information sheet provided on the night giving some insight on recycling possibilities for our dump. Please come prepared with any questions you may have. Our aim is to be finished by 7:00 pm. See attachment

Ballandean Twilight Markets

Shop, Sell & Dine in Ballandean

Markets are held on the last Saturday of every month. The first one being on the 25th February 2017

At the Ballandean Hall 3pm-7pm, See attachment

Explicit Teaching of Behaviour Expectations

This week our school wide expectation is responsible—Bring a healthy snack for fruit break. Promptly arrive at debriefing.
Ballandean SS P and C will be holding its AGM on 22nd Of Feb followed by the general meeting.

Meeting time: 6.45 pm

Place: School Staff Room.

The P and C are also looking to fill the positions of Secretary and Treasurer for the 2017 school year.

Please call Aaron on 0400794014 for further information.

Who’s Who

Teachers

Julie Barber

Acting Principal/Y3/4/5/6 Teacher

Hello there. I am currently the Acting Principal and Year 3/4/5/6 Teacher at Ballandean State School. I spent 12 years as a Teaching Principal in a number of schools in the North West, Downs, and the Granite Belt before changing course and spending 4 years teaching at LSoDE and BSoDE—a truly amazing experience—very different teaching students online. I have returned to the role of Teaching Principal, particularly, as I missed the student interaction and FUN of a small school. I have only been at Ballandean for 6 months, however, cannot speak more highly of the students, staff and community. It is a wonderful school and I look forward to being here for as long as possible.

Shane Andersen

Prep-Y1/2 Teacher

2017 marks my 10th year at Ballandean State School. Previously I spent 8 years out west at Thargomindah and Charleville. Throughout those years I have taught all year levels from Prep to Year 7 and this year I have the pleasure of working with the Prep / Year 1 / Year 2 class. On Thursdays, I work with all students with Technology.

Karen Kimmins

Administration Officer

Hi I am the Administration Officer at Ballandean State School. I have worked at Ballandean state School for 19 years. My job involves assisting the Principal with all operational and financial duties involved in running a small school. I'm here to help and happy to talk if you have any enquiries.