Welcome to Week 4 at Ballandean State School. After an incredibly hot week, we are finally enjoying a much cooler day—let us hope it stays like that. Thank goodness that our classrooms are air-conditioned, as this is a real benefit for working. We would like to welcome two new students to the school—Aerin in Year 5 and Lucie in Year 3. Great to have you join our beautiful school.

Our Cricket and Softball teams played their first games under very hot conditions last Friday. Despite this, the students had a great time and all enjoyed the thrill of the competition—for some it was their first time! Thank you to Mrs Edwards and Mr Andersen for your coaching and umpiring skills and to the wonderful parents who drove or came and supported the matches. Your children are very fortunate to have this commitment. Please see the Cricket and Softball reports on the next page.

Congratulations to the P&C for their wonderful Welcome BBQ held last Friday evening by the light of the very silvery moon. It was a great night with many families enjoying the lovely evening, bringing along picnic rugs and folding chairs. There were lots of delicious salads and desserts to accompany the BBQ meats that were supplied by the P&C. The atmosphere was relaxed and friendly, with children having lots of fun as the evening set in. What a great start to the 2017 P&C year. We look forward to this support at the AGM which is to be held on Monday 27th March at 6:45pm—please note this change of date. Be a part of your child’s school life by being involved in the P&C. A P&C is only as good as the people that are in it and they are in it for their children! It is a great way to know what is happening in the school and to have a voice.

Next Wednesday 22nd February at 11:00am is our Leader’s Ceremony. Please come along to help celebrate this occasion and stay for a cuppa afterwards.

Looking forward to catching up next week.

Kind regards

Julie Barber
Acting Principal
Attached to this Newsletter
Swim permission notes for those who haven’t returned
NSW school drive subsidy

Softball
Ballandean vs Glen Aplin 2 at Glen Aplin transporters—Matty Topatigh and Jess Andreatta

Cricket
Ballandean vs Greenlands at Greenlands transporters—Sarah Betts, Karen Daveson and Mr Andersen

GB U12’s Softball Trials have been re-scheduled for next Monday afternoon, 20/2/17, from 4-5pm on the ‘top oval’ at Stanthorpe State School (entrance on Harris St).
Toowoomba Rugby League All stars 25th February see noticeboard

GB Aussie rules trials 28th February

Reminder:
The school office is unattended on Tuesday, Wednesday morning and Thursday, staff are unavailable to answer the phone as they are in class teaching, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible if needed.

Sports Report
On Friday, Ballandean played an exciting softball game against Greenlands 2. The team fought to the end and came out with a win 10-8. Everyone had a great time in the outrageous weather some more than others. There were home runs and excellent batting showed by the team and I know we were all excited about the win but the important thing was we had a memorable experience. Sophie Day

Sports Report
Cricket was good. Everyone played well especially the Year 3’s. Even though it was very hot, we played really well. Unfortunately we lost to Greenlands 2 – 30-15. Hopefully we will win the next game which is against Greenlands 1 at Greenlands this Friday. Go Ballandean! Ewan Keith

Note Date Change
Ballandean SS P and C will be holding its AGM on 27th February 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.

Explicit Teaching of Behaviour—A Learner, attempt all learning tasks, eat a balanced and healthy lunch
Community News
Teach a Kid to Fish Day
A local Broadwater gentleman, Ernie Jones, is an organiser for an annual event called Teach a Kid to Fish Day. This is a part of the Stanthorpe Blue Water Fishing and Restocking Club. Members of the Queensland Amateur Fishing Association (qualified instructors) will also be in attendance.

Ernie has given us a nomination form – all details are on this form, which is attached. A free event, that is very worthwhile as children receive instruction on fishing, environmental impact and respect for fishing, a free fishing rod, reel and tackle box at the end of the day. They also have a free lunch provided.

Ernie needs numbers by Thursday, 16th of February.

Parents need to contact him on the number on the entry form. Please see flyer on noticeboard.

Amazing Kids: apply now for new show Amazing, please see flyer on noticeboard

Blue light disco Friday 17th February, see noticeboard

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

Softball batter up 18th February, see noticeboard.

Who’s Who

Amanda Batterham
Hi my name is Amanda Batterham and I have been working at Ballandean SS for 8 years. This year I will be working with Prep/1/2. I enjoy working with students of all ages and hope to continue learning and having fun with them for many years to come.

Keith Johnson
Hi my name is Keith Johnson I have worked at Ballandean SS for 14 years. I work at Ballandean on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. This year I am working with years 3-6.

Sharon Gianini
Hello, I’ve worked at Ballandean SS for over 23 years. During this time I’ve worked will all year levels and have been the school admin. I love watching the students grow and learn.
Parents and community members are invited to attend the Ballandean State School School Leader Presentation Which will be held on Wednesday 22nd February at 11:00 am at the school Please bring a plate to share

Ballandean Ukuleles

Welcome to Aerin and Lucie Thomas