Dear Parents, families and wider community,
Welcome back to Term 3!
I do hope that you enjoyed some family time over the holidays and got a chance for some rest and relaxation.
As always, the first week back to term has seen our students revising all four school wide values and it has been a delight to see so many students receiving GOTCHAS for outstanding behaviour.

Next week, our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) value will see staff explicitly teaching the importance of wearing shoes and a broad brimmed hat, and playing safely in the correct areas.

As a member of the Ballandean State School Community I am…
PBL Value: Safe
Focus Behaviour: Wearing shoes and a broad brimmed hat, and playing safely in the correct area.

At school: This looks like students keeping their shoes on at all times and remembering to bring and wear their hat at school. It also looks like students playing safe games in areas that are supervised by playground duty staff.

At Home: At home this could look like ensuring your child wears a broad brimmed hat when playing in the backyard, and helping them to understand that some areas in the home are not safe to play in, especially when unsupervised.

As always we thank you in advance for your support and reinforcement of this behaviour in the home setting.

Kindest regards,
Nathan Brown

Health Alert

Please be aware that a case of Ringworm was discovered throughout the week. The student affected was self-excluded upon discovery and immediately sought treatment from a medical professional. Ringworm is contagious but easily treated and appears as round welts or sores on the skin. Please monitor your child for any signs of infection and let the school know if you have any concerns.
School Opinion Survey

Included with this newsletter are your log in details to access and complete the annual school opinion survey. Unfortunately, online completion is the only option so if you do not have access to a computer, tablet or the internet, please just drop into the office and we will make arrangements for you use the school’s resources. The school opinion survey is a powerful tool for schools to identify areas of improvement in regards to stakeholder satisfaction and I thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey before the 31st of July.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

This year all Australian schools will be taking part in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on school students with a disability. The data provided to the Australian Government through this tool is aggregated data and will not identify individual students to organisations outside of the Department. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability; the level of adjustments we provide for those students; and a broad category the disability falls under. While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know by the 31st of July. More information can be found at [http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html).

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Ballandean State School will again be participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program which is running from Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th of September. At the end of the program, the school will be able to cash in their stickers for some great resources. More information has been included with this newsletter and stickers can be placed in the box in the office.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Please continue to encourage you children to read, read, read and record their books on their premier’s reading challenge sheet. If you need clarification around this please don’t hesitate to ask.

Interschool Sports Finals

I am still yet to receive any information regarding times and dates for the soccer and netball town versus country finals. As soon as this comes to hand we will pass the information onto players.

School Athletics Carnival

The Ballandean State School Athletics Carnival will take place on Thursday the 30th July. More information will be provided to parents over the coming week however we are grateful for any help on the day. If any parents have experience with field marking for track and field I would love to talk to you.

Welcome to our new families

This term we are delighted to welcome three new students; Marcus, Hamish and Lilly. All three students have settled in splendidly and we sincerely hope they enjoy their time here at Ballandean State School.
Attendance

As a region our expectation is to maintain at least 93% attendance across the year however as a school I believe we can realistically aim for a target of 95%. Below is our most recent attendance data. Congratulations everyone on exceeding our school attendance target!

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Ballandeian State School wishes the following a very happy birthday

Emily
Zephyr
Mr Andersen

Ballandeian Billy Cart Bash
Sunday 13th September, 2015

Did you make your billy cart over the holidays? Excitement is starting to build. You can download extra entry forms at Ballandeianbash.com.au. Entries and payment can be placed in the blue school notes box.

P&C Meeting

Wednesday 22nd July at 6:30 pm

AGENDA

The agenda for this meeting will be distributed to families on Monday. Hope to see you all there!