Dear Parents, families and wider community,

Next week, our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) value will see staff explicitly teaching the importance of asking for help and using words to solve problems.

**As a member of the Ballandean State School Community I am**...

**PBL Value: A Learner**

**Focus Behaviour: Asking for help and using words to solve problems.**

**At school:** This looks like students putting their hand up in class to ask questions and talking problems through with their friends, with and without guidance from staff.

**At Home:** This could look like talking through problems together and encouraging siblings to use words rather than physical actions to solve problems in the home.

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

Kindest regards,

Nathan Brown

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**Congratulations to our Week 1 & 2 GOTCHA winners!**
School Opinion Survey

Last week I included with the newsletter your parent 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 to 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 next Friday the 31st of July.

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.

Interschool Sports Finals

I have received information that both the netball and soccer town competition is still being run and information about the town vs country final will be provided after they have completed their competition in a few weeks time.

School Athletics Carnival

The Ballandean State School Athletics Carnival will take place next Thursday the 30th July. A couple of notes have gone home during the week kindly requesting help on the day and assistance with field marking. If you can assist and you haven’t returned your note to the office please do that as soon as possible or simple phone Karen and let her know how you can help. The P&C will provide catering for parents, students and staff on the day. A lunch pack of hotdog, popper and homebake will be available for $5 with cold meat and salad available for those who cannot eat hotdogs. Please return the pre-order form, with payment, to the office by Monday 27th July so that food can be ordered and prepared. Donations of homebake are greatly appreciated.

Prep/Year 1 News

This term in science, we are learning about the seasons, the weather and the sky. It is important that children be encouraged to take time to scientifically observe the world around them. This week, we focussed on features of the day sky. For homework this week, it would be great if you could assist your child to observe the sky for 5–10 minutes each night for at least five nights. Try to go out at the same time each night to observe some changes in positions of the moon or stars, and changes to the colours of the landscape. We encourage you to join in the night sky watch and assist your child in describing their observations, including:
• things they can see in the night sky (stars, planets, planes etc.)
• features that are in both night and day skies
• animals, plants, structures and landscapes they observe
• the effects of different weather conditions at night
I look forward to discussing these observations with students next week. Happy star-gazing!

Mrs Maple Egerton

Bag Tag Orders

Orders for bag tags can still be placed through the website. All orders placed between now and the 31st of October with ‘Ballandean State School’ in the comment will attract 10% of the sale price being donated back to the school. Visit www.pinkswann.com.au or email sarah@pinkswann.com.au for details.
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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.

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Ballandean 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 Ballandeanbash.com.au. Entries and payment can be placed in the blue school notes box.

Billy Cart Bash Meeting

Wednesday 29th July at 6:30 pm
Venue: Soccer Club

Winter Warmer Dinner

A Stanthorpe State High School P&C fundraiser

Thursday July 30th, 6:30pm @ Qld College of Wine Tourism
$50 pp, limited Seats available, contact QCWT on 4685 5050

Absolute KAOS 2015 Tour

Stanthorpe - 8th August
www.absolutekaos.com
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