From the Principal

Dear Parents, families and wider community,

Next week our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) value will see staff explicitly teaching the importance of sharing and caring for equipment.

As a member of the Ballandean State School Community I am…

PBL Value: Respectful
Focus Behaviour: Sharing and caring for equipment.

At school: This looks like students using school equipment appropriately, taking care when using this equipment and returning the equipment carefully to where it belongs. It also means using manners when asking to borrow equipment and sharing school equipment with other students.

At Home: This could look like children picking up after themselves and returning home equipment to the appropriate place. It could also look like families playing group games where equipment has to be shared.

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

Kindest regards,

Nathan Brown

Congratulations to our Week 3 GOTCHA winners!
School Opinion Survey

Today is your last chance to complete your School Opinion Survey. Remember, if you need assistance with the online survey please drop into school and we will guide you through the process. If you require new log in details please let me know as I still have a few spares.

New School Website

The new Ballandean State School website has now gone live and is accessible to the general public. I am very excited about our new site as it allows us to more easily manage and update the content ensuring our school news is relevant and recent. Please take the time to check it out at http://www.ballandess.eq.edu.au/.

QSchools App

Now that our new website has gone live, I would highly encourage parents and staff to download the QSchools app. This app is available on all smart device platforms and is a convenient way to receive instant updates as they are uploaded onto the website. For more information please visit the following page: http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/qschools-app.html.

Student Behaviour

Recently we have had to provide some extra focussed behaviour support to some of our older students. As a proactive approach to help arm our young adolescent students with the skills and strategies they need to cope with problem solving, self esteem and anxiety we are looking to introduce a program called BRAVE (https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/). Mrs Paech and Mr Brown will also be attending some training in Brisbane on the 17th and 18th of August so that we can facilitate another program called the Resourceful Adolescent Program which will be offered as a more intensive resilience program to students. More information about both programs will be distributed to parents via a separate letter.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Keep collecting your Earn & Learn stickers and pop them in the box in the office. Spare sheets are available upon request.

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.

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 on these great attendance rates.

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Ballandean State School Interhouse Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all of our students on their outstanding performances at our interhouse athletics carnival yesterday. It was a pleasure to see everyone giving their best effort and displaying outstanding sportsmanship throughout the day. Congratulations to our age champions and runner ups, and to Mitchell house for winning the overall shield with 510 points.

Many thanks again to the Ballandean Soccer Club for kindly allowing us to use their fields; to Steve Allen and Amelia Cameron for the work in the kitchen; to all of the parents and staff for their delicious donations of homebake; to Shane Dachs from Landmark for judging the march past and war cries, to Aaron Cox, Steve Blackman, Bob Trudgett and Pedro for marking the field; to Karen and Juanita for all the behind the scenes work putting the program together; to all of the parents, families and community members for coming down to cheer on our students; to the Ballandean staff for going above and beyond to ensure a successful carnival; and to the students for their fantastic effort on the day. Students who have qualified for nomination in the Granite Belt athletics carnival will receive their information with this newsletter.
Ballandean Billy Cart Bash

Sunday 13th September, 2015

It’s not too late to build your billy cart! 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.

Please read the additional Billy Cart Bash letter attached to this edition of the bulletin.

Ballandean Hall 100 Year Celebrations

The Ballandean Hall & Sports Committee are holding a meeting on Tuesday the 4th of August at 7pm to discuss the upcoming 100 year celebrations of the Ballandean Hall being opened. If you have any information or photos relating to this event the committee would be extremely grateful for your input. Please feel free to come along to the meeting. For more details, please contact Jason Nash, President of the Ballandean Hall & Sports Committee.

Absolute KAOS 2015 Tour

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www.absolutekaos.com
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