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 being safe while carrying equipment and moving to class.

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

PBL Value: Safe
Focus Behaviour: Look where you are walking and carry equipment safely

At school: This looks like students lining up for class and walking safely, taking care to look at the person in front of them and not collide with other students. It also looks like students carrying equipment safely, with two hands if necessary, and looking where they are going.

At Home: This could simply look like ensuring children are walking carefully when carrying equipment from the home. You could give them more practice by asking them to set and clear the table, making sure they carry the kitchenware carefully and safely.

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

Kindest regards,

Nathan Brown

GOTCHA winners

Please stayed tuned for this weeks winners. They will appear in the next edition of the bulletin along with our week 6 winners.
Dinner and Billy Carts

As you know, the inaugural Ballandean Billy Cart Bash is quickly approaching and excitement is building. So to get into the racing spirit the Ballandean Community Hall and Billy Cart Committee are inviting all families and wider community to come down to the hall for dinner at 6:30pm on Thursday the 20th of August. Over dinner a series of billy cart videos will be played on the big screen, many of which involve quite spectacular and funny spills… you may even be able to pick up some driving tips or last minute design tweaks! So come on down for delicious meal and few good laughs with friends.

Granite Belt Dental Visit

Last week, students were treated to an information session from Granite Belt Dental where they learnt all about their teeth and the correct techniques for brushing. Students were a little shocked to discover the amount of plaque on their teeth after using a disclosing liquid that stains plaque red. Luckily, all students took a sample bag home with a brand new toothbrush and toothpaste.

Wool Needed Please

This year, Ballandean State School will be running a weaving activity at Under 8’s Day on Wednesday the 16th of September and we are asking for kind donations of knitting wool to help with this activity. Donations can be sent to the school office or given to Sharon Gianini.

BRAVE Resilience Program

Recently the students in year 4/5/6 received a letter inviting them to participate in the BRAVE program - an online program designed at developing resilience in young adolescents when they are faced with stress and anxiety. If you have not yet returned your expression of interest slip, please do so as soon as you can so that we can get the program started.

New School Website and QSchools App

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/.

Now that our new website has gone live, I would highly encourage parents and staff to download the QSchools app. For more information please visit the following page: http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/qschools-app.html.

Outbreak of Influenza

Currently we have a large number of students and families effected by influenza. Symptoms include sudden onset of fever, sore eyes, nausea, lethargy, headaches, dizziness, coughing, runny nose, sore throat, aching joints and sore ears. If your child shows any of these symptoms we would ask that you keep them at home to reduce the risk of spreading infection. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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. There is also now a box located at the Ballandean Post Office for added convenience. Thanks also to Vanessa for organising a Ballandean box which is sitting outside Woolworths in town. Please feel free to place your stickers into any of these boxes.
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 Billy Cart Bash

Sunday 13th September, 2015

It’s not too late to build your billy cart! Excitement is building. You can download extra entry forms at Ballandeanbash.com.au. Entries and payment can be placed in the blue school notes box.

Exciting Billy Cart News

We are delighted to announce an exciting prize for the Open Class race. Paul Morris, owner of Sirromet and the Paul Morris Performance Driving Centre has kindly donated an amazing prize of 7 laps in a V8 Super Car plus 2 hot laps with a professional driver. This fantastic prize is valued at $550.

We thank Paul Morris and our many other sponsors for their support of the 2015 Ballandean Billy Cart Bash.

Dinner and Billy Carts

Join us for some laughs with friends as we watch the thrills and spills of billy cart racing over a delicious meal. Adult meals only $10 with children's meals at discounted prices.

Ballandean Community Hall
20th August, 6:30pm
Spread the word and hope to see you there!
Congratulations to our Week 5 certificate winners! Well Done!

Dental Awareness Visit
As a member of the Ballandean State School community I am:
RESPECTFUL  RESPONSIBLE  A LEARNER  SAFE