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 respectful when working with others in groups.

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

PBL Value: Respectful

Focus Behaviour: being respectful of others in group situations

At school: This looks like students listening to contributions from group members, compromising and problem solving together, and respecting group members’ different personalities and ability.

At Home: This could look like siblings listening to each other and compromising when playing group games in the home setting. It could also see parents facilitating conversations to problem solve issues that may arise between siblings or family members.

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

Kindest regards,

Nathan Brown

Week 5 & 6 GOTCHA winners

Congratulations to our latest GOTCHA winners. Keep up the great work everyone!
Granite Belt Athletics Carnival

Last week was a very busy week with many of our students attending both days of the Granite Belt Athletics Carnival in town. A huge congratulations goes to all of our students for the outstanding effort and sportsmanship which resulted in Ballandean winning the B schools category. I have received some very positive feedback about the way our students conducted themselves on the field which makes me very proud. I would also like to thank our staff and parents for their assistance and support on both days. Well done to the following students for their outstanding individual performances in their age groups:

Blake A - 3rd  Noah W - 2nd  Jack M - 1st  
Allegra D - 3rd  Lilly E-J - 3rd  Gianna N - 2nd

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.

Resilient Adolescent Program

As you may be aware, Chasely Paech and I spent two days in Brisbane this week training in the Resilient Adolescent Program for students and parents. I am delighted to say that this training was excellent and the program is well suited to our older students, with much research and proven success to back up its implementation. The program itself is very strength focussed and builds on the many strengths our early adolescents have while arming them with practical skills to cope with the stressful situations that may arise during their adolescent years. Both the student and parent program are most successful when run as a universal preventative program so we have decided to implement the student program as part of Chasely’s social skill development on a Thursday. Please look out for further information to be sent home, including an invitation to a short parent information session to be held after school.

Outbreak of Influenza

We still have a number of students being affected 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.

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 despite the recent outbreak of illness.

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Sunday 13th September, 2015

With only 3 weeks to go, the big day is almost upon us so now is the time to get your registrations in. Entry forms are available online, at the school and at the Ballandean General store. Completed forms, together with payment, can be placed in the Billy Cart Bash box in the school office. If paying by cheque, please make it out to Ballandean SS P&C. **Entries close on Wednesday 9th September** with early registrations greatly appreciated.

Thank you to those who have returned volunteer forms, however we are still in need of more volunteers to offer a hand throughout the day. An updated volunteer request form will be sent home next week. Once these have been collated our volunteers will be contacted. Thank you in advance for offering to help on the day.

We would like to thank our very generous sponsors - CRT Wilshire & CO, Landmark, Paul Morris Performance Driving Centre & Sirromet Wines, Speranza’s Mobile Welding, Catterin’s Mechanical Repairs, Rebel FM, Hillier Bros Nissan, Stanthorpe Regional Community Bank Project and Pierpoint Motors. Their support has ensured some fantastic prizes and trophies and we couldn’t do it without them!

There will also be a fantastic multi-draw raffle which will be drawn throughout the day. A big thank you to Sharon at Possum’s Hollow and Hooter’s Hut Cabins for their very generous donation of over $500 of Accommodation for first prize in the multi-draw raffle.

Thanks also to the following awarded winning local wineries who have generously donated bottles of wine; Symphony Hill, Jester Hill, Savina Lane, Masons Wines, Just Red and Twisted Gum. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thanks also goes to Washpool Soaperie who have donated a beautiful prize of some all natural, hand-made soaps.

With so many wonderful prizes and so many opportunities to win, you’d be crazy not to come along and get involved. It is bound to be a fantastic day for the whole family with other attractions, including jumping castle, face painting, food and drinks, and billy cart merchandise. With plenty of shade and seating there will be a spot for everyone to sit back and enjoy the thrills and spills on the track.

Further donations are very welcome, please contact Michelle Coelli, 0403 778 300. For More information check out our website [www.ballandeanbash.com.au](http://www.ballandeanbash.com.au)
Community News

Children’s Pottery Workshop

The Stanthorpe Pottery Club will be holding their annual children’s workshop during the second week of the September school holidays.

Application forms are available from the school office upon request.

For more information contact the school or the following club members: Maryke Miller (President) on 4681 0000 or Denise Harslett (Secretary) on 4683 3168.

Granite Belt Neighbourhood Centre Family Fun Day

The Granite Belt Neighbourhood Centre is holding a fabulous family fun day in Weeroona Park on Sat 5th September 2015.

Everyone is welcome and there will be many activities provided by our local support agencies such as; puppet shows, badge making, cup cake decorating, face painting, ‘give aways’ and much, much more.

For more information please contact 4681 3777

Bingo Night - The Summit

Saturday 29th August, 6pm
Book of 10 games - $20
Bar and supper available
Cash prizes and Raffles

For more information contact The Summit State School

Cinema night - Greenlands

The Greenlands P&C are busy organising its upcoming 1920’s themed Movie Night at the Arcadia Theatre in town. If you haven’t been to the local theatre this is your chance to check it out. A night out with Leonardo DiCaprio has been planned with Baz Luhrmann’s adaption of The Great Gatsby being shown on the big screen Saturday 5th Sept at 7pm.

There will be cocktails, raffles, movie snacks and a dress up photo booth available. The entry $35 includes a glass of champagne on arrival and hot nibbles.

Tickets are available from Nardia at CRT.

Big comfy red leather theatre seats are limited so get a group together and book today! A fun way to get out and support our school…..as Gatsby might say ‘a little party never killed nobody’.