As a member of the Ballandean State School community I am:

RESPECTFUL          RESPONSIBLE          A LEARNER          SAFE

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 using kind words and actions.

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PBL Value: Respectful
Focus Behaviour: Using kind words and actions to one another.

At school: This looks like students encouraging each other, using manners, giving each other a chance to talk, using a calm voice and positive words, sharing during games, helping younger children in games and problem solving without put downs or physical actions.

At home: This would obviously look very similar in the home setting, especially for those students with siblings. I realise that siblings often argue at home, I have three brothers and was no different, so promoting this expectation could help in this area at home.

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

Kindest regards,

Nathan Brown

The Golden Gotcha

This term we will be starting the Golden Gotcha trophy. Every week, students will be given a specific focus behaviour and the trophy will be awarded to the class that displays this appropriate behaviour the most consistently throughout the week. The Golden Gotcha trophy will then proudly sit in the winning classroom for the following week.
Welcome Back to Term 4

I would like to offer a very warm welcome back to all of our students, staff and families. I hope you all had a very relaxing holiday and are refreshed and ready for another jam packed term of learning. We also extend an extra warm welcome to our four new students and their families. We trust that you will enjoy your educational journey here at Ballandean State School.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Thank you to everyone for your efforts collecting the Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers last term. We ended up with 10020 points which we will now spend on education resources for the school.

Dance Fever

This term our students will be participating in weekly Dance tuition provided by Dance Fever. Our first session started today and will continue every Friday up until the final week of Term. I am looking forward to seeing our students develop some different skills and learn some dances to perform at our presentation evening at the end of the year.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for all students will start this term with the first session taking place on Thursday the 29th of October. A permission note with specific information will be distributed to parents in the coming week.

Prep Transition

This term we will be holding three Prep transition days to give our 2016 Prep students an opportunity to dip their toes into school life. An invitation will be sent home once details are finalised however if you know of anyone who has a Prep aged student and is still considering their educational options, we would love to speak with them. Prep transition days will take place on 4th November, 11th November and 18th November.

Interschool Sports

Interschool sports will begin for some students next week with the first round of tennis being played. Some students will also be playing chess throughout the term. Details around tennis and chess draws, venues and transport will be distributed as soon as they are finalised.

Extended Learning Program

As part of the Granite Belt’s transition to high school program, our year six students will be offered the opportunity to engage in this year’s Extended Learning Program. A package was distributed to students today with a number of permission/medical forms to complete. Please ensure that these forms are completed, signed and returned to school on Monday 12th November.

Lunchbox and Pick Up Reminder

Just a quick reminder to all parents and students regarding nut products in lunchboxes and our afternoon pick-up procedures. Due to student allergies it is vital that staff are aware if students have lunch items containing nuts so that appropriate precautionary measures can occur at eating time. We also remind all students and parents that students are required to wait in the parade area until their parents arrive at the end of the day. Once parents arrive, students will ask to leave and go straight to their parents or vehicle. Students should not be seen running around in the carpark area. Thanks for your help.
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 and a fantastic start to the new term.

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Ballandean Billy Cart Bash Debrief Meeting

15th October, 2015, 7 pm.
Please come along to share your feedback to help make the 2016 Bash even better!

General P&C Meeting

28th October, 2015, 7pm.
This will be our final P&C meeting for the year so please come along if you want to get involved.

We look forward to seeing you there!