Dear Parents, families and wider community,

Next week our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) value will see staff explicitly teaching the importance of greeting others in a friendly way and using manners when interacting with each other.

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

PBL Value: Respectful

Focus Behaviour: Greeting each other and using our manners.

What does this look like?

This looks like students saying g’day to staff and other students when they arrive at school and greeting their parents with a ‘hello’ and maybe a hug at the end of the day. We would also hear students saying please, thank you and excuse me in their daily interactions with each other, school staff, parents and siblings.

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

Kindest regards,

Nathan Brown

Weekly Awards

Congratulations to our weekly winners!
Thank you

Today we say farewell to Mrs Majella Stevens who has been teaching our Prep/1 students in Maple’s absence. We thank her for all of her hard work and dedication to our students and hope to see her back in our school some other day. We also thank Mrs Lee Townsend who has been relieving Mr Johnson as he enjoyed some extra time off. On Monday we welcome back Mrs Egerton after her overseas trip and look forward to hearing all about her adventures.

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 and transport note has been sent home with students which needs to be returned as soon as possible. There is no charge to parents for transport or swimming tuition.

Interschool Sports

Interschool sports began today with our two tennis teams playing each other. From next week we will have one home game and one away game so transport will be required. Karen will contact you early next week to see if you can help out and we greatly appreciate your time and effort. Ballandean will only be playing Glen Aplin and Severnlea teams so our travel will not be extensive.

Student Free Day

Monday the 19th of October is a Student Free Day for all students. Ballandean staff will be travelling into town to further develop their understanding and skills around the explicit instruction framework which we embed into our classroom pedagogy. Students will return back to school on Tuesday the 20th of October.

School Photos

School photos will take place on Tuesday the 20th of October. Order forms have already been sent home with students and must be brought to school on photo day (if they have not been returned already).

Warm Weather

With the weather warming up it is essential that all students are dressed appropriately for the conditions. If your child requires a new hat to keep them safe in the sun, please don’t hesitate to come and see Juanita or Karen in the office.

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 amazing attendance rates and a fantastic start to the new term.

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

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!

Greenlands State School
Melbourne Cup Luncheon Fundraiser
Fashion Parade, Prizes and Fine Food
Tuesday 3rd November
11:30am - 3:00pm, Happy Valley.
$55 ticket - available from Ja - Sar - Jess

Stanthorpe State High School
Final Uniform Try On Day
Monday 19th October
8:00am - 3:00pm
Room AL2 at the High School
Layby Available with deposit