Dear Parents, families and wider community,

Next week our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) value will see staff explicitly teaching the importance of having responsibility for our belongings.

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

PBL Value: Responsible 
Focus Behaviour: Keep our personal belongings safe.

What does this look like?
This looks like students making sure they put their belongings safely in their school bag or tidy tray and only using personal items at the appropriate times. It also means keeping our bags zipped up securely and leaving valuable items 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

Weekly Awards

Congratulations to our weekly winners!
Thank you

Today we say farewell to Mrs Amanda Watson who has been teaching our Year 1/2/3 students in Shane’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. On Monday, we welcome back Mr Andersen after his recent holiday and look forward to hearing all about his adventures.

Swimming lessons

Swimming lessons for all students will start this term with the first session taking place this Thursday the 29th of October. A permission and transport note has already been sent home with students with outstanding notes to be returned no later than Monday 26th October. There is no charge to parents for transport or swimming tuition.

Book Club

All book club orders are due back to school by next Wednesday, 28th October. Orders can be placed in the blue P&C box.

Years 1/2/3 & 4/5/6 Science & Technology Request

This term, students from Year 1/2/3 will be constructing a toy car and Year 4/5/6 students will be constructing a balloon powered rocket. Could all students please bring in household items such as soft drink bottles, water bottles, milk cartons, lids, cardboard, yoghurt containers and any other useful items to be used in the construction of these vehicles.

Washpool Farm Soap Fundraiser

The Ballandean P&C have decided to offer Washpool Farm soap as a fundraiser again this year after the positive feedback received from last year’s fundraiser. Please find accompanying this bulletin, an information letter and order form. Orders are to be placed in the BLUE P&C box at the front office by Friday 13th Nov, with soap being delivered by Friday 20th November. Please direct any queries to Karen Daveson on 0422 002 071. Thank you for your support.

Ballandean State School Facebook Page

Our Facebook page is now up and running and I am excited to be able to use this medium to share school news, reminders and activities as they happen. If you have a Facebook account you can ‘like’ our page however I strongly suggest that you review your privacy settings and ensure that only ‘friends’ are able to see your online activities. You can access our page at the following web address or simply log into Facebook and search for Ballandean State School. www.facebook.com/BallandeanSS

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.

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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.

New families welcome!
We look forward to seeing you there!

Washpool Farm Soap Fundraiser
Complete the attached order form and place in the blue P&C box at the school office.

All orders due by Friday 13th November, 2015.

Washpool Farm soaps make a great Christmas gift so get your order in today and get a head start on your Christmas shopping!

Prep - 3 Fire Education
On Wednesday, our Prep - 3 students had a visit from the local fire department to share some very important messages about fire safety. They will return next week where they will continue their lessons on fire safety and invite students to explore their fire truck.
Community News

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

Qld Blue Light Association
Disco and Laser Tag
Friday 23rd October
6pm - 8pm, Stanthorpe Exhibition Centre
Disco Entry $5
Laser Tag Tickets $5
Canteen & Sausage Sizzle
Lucky Door Prizes
Dance Competition Prizes
For further information contact:
The Stanthorpe Police Station on 4681 6400

Happy Birthday!

Ballandeanean State School
wishes the following a very happy birthday!

Wyatt  26th
Kaylum  28th
Emily    28th
Kemureti 29th