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 solving problems safely without physical actions.

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

PBL Value: Safe

Focus Behaviour: Keep our hands and feet to ourselves.

What does this look like?
This looks like students using their words to solve problems in the playground, rather than punching or kicking. It also means playing games that don’t involve pulling, pushing or holding onto each other. If students feel they have a situation that needs solving, they are reminded to see a staff member to help them find a solution without physical actions.

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

Acting Principal

As you are aware, I have decided to take leave for the last 4 weeks of Term 4 to look after Jodie as we approach the birth of our second baby. I am delighted to announce that Mrs Jenny McCarthy will be acting in the Principal position during my absence. Jenny is a local community member and has already built a relationship with our students, staff and parents in her recent role as Pedagogical Coach. Jenny is an excellent operator in the classroom and I know that our Year 4/5/6 students will enjoy seeing their high quality of instruction continue. We welcome Jenny into our beautiful little school and wish her a positive and enjoyable experience as Acting Principal.

Swimming lessons

My sincere thanks to the parents who helped out with swimming lessons this week, we greatly appreciate you giving up your time and energy. If you can help out next week, we would love to see you there. The more helpers we have the better, even if it’s simply to help out from the pool deck.

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. Construction begins Monday!

Family Portrait Fundraiser

Last week, information regarding family portraits was sent home with students. Cory Rossiter will be taking the portraits on the weekend of November 14th & 15th… just in time for Christmas. A free 8” x 10” photo is included with the $15 sitting fee which needs to paid by November 11th. For more details or to make a booking please contact the school, drop into the office and leave your details or ring Sharon Gianini on 0438 109 001. Alternatively you can complete the attached order form and return it to the BLUE P&C box at the front office.

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. Order forms were distributed to families with last weeks Bulletin. 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

Groundsperson Position

Our current groundsperson, Mr Stephen Blackman, will unfortunately be leaving us at the end of this year as he and Patricia enjoy some rest and relaxation time. As this position is funded by a specific grant it is a genuine occupational requirement that the role be filled by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. For more information please see the advertisement at the end of this newsletter.
**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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**Prep - 3 Fire Education**

Our Prep - 3 students enjoyed another fire education session this week which included a hands on investigation of the fire truck. The students loved getting up close to the truck and many students were even able to spray the fire hose.

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**Happy Birthday!**

Ballandeain State School
wishes the following a very happy birthday!

Daniel Ricca 3rd Nov
EOI Permanent Groundsperson

A permanent position exists for an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander groundsperson at Ballande- an State School. Please apply in writing with cover letter and resume to:

The Principal
Ballandean State School

For this position, it is a genuine occupational requirement that it be filled by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person as set out in Part 4 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 for the purposes contained in Section 25 of the Act.

Verification of Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage

For administrative purposes, in relation to an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander role, an Aborigi- nal and/or Torres Strait Islander person is a person who:

- identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person; and
- is of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent; or
- is accepted as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person by the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community in which he or she lives.

Note that by definition a person who is not an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cannot be em- ployed (on any basis) to perform the duties of an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander role.

Applicants to this position may have to provide confirmation of their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage. Requesting proof of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage from applicants helps to make sure that this intention is honoured.

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