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 completing set tasks on time.

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

PBL Value: Learner
Focus Behaviour: Completing set tasks.

What does this look like?
This looks like students following directions from staff when asked to complete set work. This means students would be concentrating on the task at hand and ignoring distractions from the environment and other students. It would also see students asking for help so they can access the support they need to complete classroom tasks.

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!
Prep Transition

We welcomed our 2016 Prep students to our first transition day on Wednesday with all students having a wonderful time. Our newest students settled in perfectly and our current Preps did a marvellous job of showing them the ropes. We are looking forward to seeing our new Preps back at school next Wednesday for their second transition day.

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.

Family Portrait Fundraiser

Information regarding family portraits has been sent home with students. Cory Rossiter will be taking the portraits on the weekend of November 14th & 15th… just in time for Christmas. Although the portrait packages are great value, please note that families do not have to purchase a package to take up this wonderful opportunity. A free 8” x 10” photo is included with the $15 sitting fee which needs to be 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

Reminder that the Washpool Farm soap fundraiser orders are due next Friday 13th Nov. These quality soaps make great Christmas presents and are convenient to keep on hand for those unexpected gifts that you need to give. Orders are to be placed in the BLUE P&C box at the front office, with soap being delivered by Friday 20th November. Please direct any queries to Karen Daveson on 0422 002 071. Thank you for your support.

Report Cards

Report cards will be distributed to students on the last day of Term 4 which is Friday 11th of December. It has been brought to my attention that this may not have been the case in previous years. I must stress that students are expected to attend school until 3pm on the final day of term. To encourage attendance, students will take part in a number of fun activities on the last day, including a visit from Santa. If you are aware that your children won’t be attending on the last day can you please let the office know in advance.

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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Swimming Carnival

Please mark Monday the 7th of December in your calendar as the Small Schools Swimming Carnival. More information will be distributed in the coming weeks but it would be wonderful to see as many parents as possible at the pool to cheer on Ballandean.

A Poem from Rachel

We are delighted to share a poem that Year 1 student, Rachel Mungall has written. What a super piece of writing! Well done Rachel.

Sunset on a Mountain

Sunsets are beautiful that is true, but I have a fact for you.
   The sun rises in the east and sets in the west.
   At sunset the sky and clouds turn these colours;
      Pink, purple, orange, yellow and red.

Year 2/3 students exploring forces during science
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 by 13th November 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 Aboriginal 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 employed (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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