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 playing safely in the playground.

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

PBL Value: Safe
Focus Behaviour: Playing safely.

What does this look like?
This looks like students playing games that don’t involve physical contact, using playground and sports equipment appropriately, walking on concrete paths where possible, being aware of others around us and reporting any accidents to playground duty staff.

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!
Welcome

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new and returning staff, students and parents. I am looking forward to a wonderful year together and am excited to see our students excel throughout the year. Please remember that my door is always open and I am always happy to have a chat… no appointments necessary, just drop on in!

A few reminders

The start of a new school year is a great opportunity to remind everyone about our procedures for lunch items containing nuts, and our safety expectations for drop off and pick up.

Nuts - Students who have food in their lunchboxes containing nuts do a fantastic job of managing this by alerting staff who can ensure they wash their hands and mouth thoroughly after eating. If your child has food that may contain nut products, please just let them know in the morning so they know to alert a staff member at eating time.

Morning Drop Off - Supervision for students does not technically begin until 8:30am when our Teacher Aides begin work. I am very well aware that some parents have no option but to have their children arrive at school prior to this time. Therefore, can I please ask, if there is no need to have your child at school earlier than 8:30am, that you wait until this time to drop them off at school.

Afternoon Pick Up - Students are required to wait in the parade area for their family members in the afternoon. They then need to alert the staff member on duty when they are ready to go home. Students are expected to move straight to their parents or vehicle and refrain from running around in the carpark area. Students will not be released if parents can’t be seen or are parked across the carpark. Again, I understand completely that many students require supervision until buses arrive in the afternoon, however I would again ask that whenever possible your child is collected as close to 3:05pm as possible.

New Permission Forms

A new media permission form will be sent home with students today. This form is required to grant permission for student images and details to be uploaded onto our school Facebook page. Can I please draw your attention to the following sections on the form:

Section 1 - This is where you can indicate how you would like your child’s name to be displayed.
Section 2 - These are the particulars of what media items the school may create and a list of media outlets that we regularly publish in.
Section 3 - This is where you can clearly indicate your limitations and restrictions to the use of specific media items. Please complete this section clearly if you have limitations you would like us to impose.
Section 4 - Please complete the appropriate boxes and sign. This will then give permission for the duration of your child’s enrolment. If your permissions preferences then subsequently change, please contact the school for a new form.

Girraween National Park 50th Anniversary

On Saturday the 13th of February, Girraween National Park will be celebrating their 50th anniversary. There will be a number of fun activities on the day including a free sausage sizzle, nature lantern walk and music. Visitors are encouraged to dress up as an animal, flower or something to do with nature. Lanterns can be purchased from Belinda Bramley for $10. Please see the information leaflet attached to this edition of the bulletin for more details.

Interschool Sports

Interschool sports will begin next week. This year we have one cricket and one softball team. Draws will be sent home with students once they are received and I thank you in advance for your assistance with transport. Softball training will commence next Thursday straight after school. Parent assistance is always greatly appreciated.
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 year.

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P&C Meeting

17th February, 2016, 7pm.
All Welcome!

School Uniforms

Karen Daveson will be kindly coordinating school uniforms for our P&C this year. She is available most days at school drop off or pick up, or can be contacted to arrange a suitable time on Ph 0422 002 071

Community News

Girraween National Park 50th Anniversary

Saturday 13th February
Activities begin at 10:30am
Please see attached brochure for details.

Happy Birthday!

Bruno A - 4th February
As a member of the Ballandean State School community I am:
RESPECTFUL          RESPONSIBLE          A LEARNER          SAFE

Working together as a team

Showing Mr Brown how good we are at counting

Co-operative Musical Chairs
(That’s 9 students on 2 little chairs!)

Making fruit salad ice-blocks
and writing procedures

Prep/Year 1's Super Start to 2016
Tom’s heart skipped. The whirring and screams increased. It started raining spew. He froze. His feet were rooted to the ground. Slowly he looked up. He saw people whirling around. His heart was pounding. He dragged his feet forward.

Ewan

No way! I can’t do that, I just can’t. He looked up and his heart froze. He heard terrified screams all around him. His palms were sweaty.

Jackson

Jack froze. He heard music. His feet were nailed to the ground.

Max

Jade leaped. He heard screams and cries. He look up. It rained heavily.

Alice

Amy froze. She was terrified. People were screaming all around her. She gulped. Amy looked up and squealed. Her heart raced. She was looking at the giant turning windmill. She exploded with fear.

Rachel

Terry jumped. He felt vibrations and he felt scared. Terry had butterflies. His heart beat fast. He tripped as he ran away from the giant spinning windmill.

Bella

Awesome writing!
Well done 2/3 students, Mr A and Mrs G!