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 eating a healthy and balanced lunch.

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

PBL Value: A Learner
Focus Behaviour: Eating healthy food to fuel our brains and body.

What does this look like?
This looks like students bringing a lunch box full of healthy foods that will sustain their energy levels throughout the day. This includes a piece of fruit or some raw vegetables to eat at fruit break. Lunch items could contain a balance of fruits, vegetables, salads, lean protein, whole grains and carbohydrates, dairy products and a small treat. Please take the time to look at the items you put in your child’s lunch box as many processed and packaged foods (and drinks) are extremely high in salt and sugar which can be harmful over long periods of time.

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

Kindest regards,

Weekly Awards

Congratulations to our weekly winners!
Dear Parents,

This edition of the Bulletin includes a number of important notes, invitations to meetings and date claimers. Please take the time to read this newsletter carefully and respond by the due dates where required.

Many thanks.

New Permission Forms

We are still waiting on a few outstanding media permission forms. These need to be returned as soon as possible so that we can begin promoting the wonderful achievements our students make in our media outlets such as Facebook. If you need a replacement form, please see Karen Kimmins in the office.

Gardening Volunteers

Don’t forget you are always welcome to give us a hand in the gardens at any time of the day. Thank you to Sarah Betts and Philippa Hambleton who have already volunteered some time this week and made short work of some weeds in our rose beds and veggie patch. If you have a spare 15 minutes, maybe just before pick up time, we would be delighted to see you. Just pop into the office to let us know you are here and we’ll find a small patch of garden that needs some attention.

Book Club

Book club orders are due back at school by Wednesday the 24th of March. Orders can be dropped into the blue P&C box at any time. Thank you to Vanessa Edge and Jess Andreatta for giving up your time to manage our book club.

Overdue and Missing Library Books

Recently we printed out a list of overdue and missing library books which to my surprise was extensive. Over the years many books have gone missing in homes and here at school, resulting in thousands of dollars worth of books that the students no longer have to read. In order to ensure this doesn’t continue to happen there are going to be some changes to the way we manage our overdue library books. At a school level we will be tightening up our procedures for book returns and explicitly teaching the children what is expected. If students fail to return or re-borrow their library books each week they will be banned from borrowing until the overdue books are returned. If these are not returned within 4 weeks an invoice will be sent home to parents to replace the overdue or missing books. This new policy will not apply to our current list of overdue or missing books however it would be great if all families could have a search at home for any books displaying a Ballandean SS barcode. I thank you for your support in this matter and for helping us to provide a library of books that our students can enjoy.
Donations Needed

The following donations would be greatly appreciated if you are able or interested:

- Plastic bags - to be used as emergency library bags for students.
- Old magazines - To be used as reading material and classroom activities.
- Mulch for our newly weeded gardens.
- Plants - bushes or small trees such as Grevillea and Murraya

Donations can be dropped straight into the office. Thank you!

Tennis Court Hire

The Ballandean State School Tennis Courts are now available for hire through the Ballandean General Store. Please share this with your friends and family and if you want to have a hit just drop into the store. Thank you to Kerry and Tracey for their continued support of our school and thank you for the donation of lollies that were used in our Christmas celebrations last year.

P&C Membership

P&C membership needs to be renewed each and every year. An updated membership form will be distributed to families next week. Please note that all members of the family need to be P&C members to be covered by insurance at the Billy Cart Bash and other P&C events. Therefore we ask that you include all members of your family in the space provided. Even if you are unable to come to P&C meetings we would love to see all of our families join the P&C to be covered by insurance at P&C events.

Apple & Grape March

The Ballandean State School community and the Ballandean State School P&C will be marching in the Apple and Grape festival parade on Saturday the 5th of March. Please read the attached letter for details.

P&C Welcome BBQ

The P&C will be hosting a welcome BBQ on Saturday the 27th of February. This will be a great chance to welcome everyone, new or old, to Ballandean State School. Please see the attached letter for more details.

Ballandean Hall Centenary

The Ballandean Hall and Sports Association will be celebrating their centenary on the 16th of April (please see the attached program). As part of these celebrations some students have been invited to perform a short re-enactment of the hall opening 100 years ago. A detailed letter will be sent home with interested students and I ask that you return this by the due date provided.

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 excellent attendance results.

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Grant Writing Meeting

The P&C will be submitting a grant application to purchase fund raising equipment such as BBQ’s, shade shelters and a trailer. Your assistance in writing this grant application is greatly appreciated and contribution can be made at the meeting.

Tuesday 23rd February, 3pm.
Ballandean State School

Apple & Grape March Meeting

Please join us to help organise the finer details of our combined school and P&C ‘float’ in the upcoming Apple & Grape grand parade.

Thursday 25th February, 3pm.
Ballandean State School

Happy Birthday!

Hunter 23rd
Blake 25th
Community News

Ballandean Hall and Sports Association Centenary

Saturday 16th of April
Activities begin at 11:00am
Please see attached brochure for details.

That Dam Ride

Sunday 28th February
See notice board for more details and contact the office for a registration form.