Dear Parents, families and wider community,

Next week our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) value will see staff explicitly teaching the importance of using manners when interacting with others.

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

PBL Value: Respectful
Focus Behaviour: Using our manners.

What does this look like?

Using our manners is one of the few things left in life that doesn’t cost a thing. A simple please, thank you, excuse me or sorry improves the quality of our interactions by openly showing our respect for one another. Sometimes our students forget their manners however a simple prompt is often all they need to remember. Please take the time to monitor your child’s use of manners in the home and don’t be afraid to prompt them when necessary.

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!
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.

Book Club

Book Club orders are due back at school by Friday the 11th of March. Please ensure that payment is attached to your order. Order forms without payment attached will not be processed. 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.

P&C Membership

2016 P&C membership forms have been distributed to families. Thank you to those who have already returned their form. 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 spaces 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. Thank you to those families and staff who will be there on the day to support our group as they march. More information about this fabulous event will be sent home early next week.

P&C Welcome BBQ

The P&C will be hosting a welcome BBQ at 6pm on Saturday the 27th of February. This will be a great chance to welcome everyone, new and old, to Ballandean State School. I look forward to catching up with you all on Saturday night.

Year 5/6 School Camp

This year the Year 5/6 students will be invited to attend a school camp at the North Keppel Island Environmental Education Centre. This is the first camp in our 2 year cycle of subsidised camps and I know the students will have an amazing time. I will forward further details to parents as they are finalised however in the meantime you may wish to check out the NKIEEC website: https://nkieec.eq.edu.au

NAPLAN

As you may be aware, media coverage of NAPLAN has already begun. As a school we actively try to reduce the stress associated with this testing and would urge you to do the same at home. If your child is in year 3 or year 5 and you have any questions or concerns about NAPLAN, please come and see me as soon as possible as there are a number of ways we can support your child through the process.
**Fruit Break**

Please ensure that your child has a suitable piece of fruit or raw veggies/salad items to enjoy during fruit break. We are still seeing a small number of students without a healthy snack to get them through the long first session and this is having an impact on their learning.

**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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**P&C Welcome BBQ**

Please come and join us for a relaxing evening, with delicious food and great company.

**Saturday 27th February, 6pm**

Ballandean State School

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**2016 Ballandean Billy Cart Bash Date Claimer**

Don’t leave it till the last minute… Start building your cart today!

**Sunday 11th September, 2016**
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.

Severnlea Community Market Day

Sunday 20th March  
8:00am - 1:00pm  
14 Turner Rd, Severnlea (Severnlea SS)

Art & Craft    Fruit & Veg    Trash & Treasure  
Sewing        Cooking       Entertainment  
Sausage Sizzle Kids Activities

Sites still available:  
Undercover site $15  
Outdoor site $10  
Boot sale site $10

For enquiries, or to book a site contact:  
Karen on 0459 027 316  
or  
Katie on 0421 661 790
Happy Birthday!

Ballandean State School
wishes the following people a very happy birthday.

Mrs Batterham          20th Feb
Mrs Edwards            26th Feb
Sancha Macpherson      27th Feb

Classroom News

Prep/1 Students exploring patterns in Mathematics.