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: Responsible
Focus Behaviour: Taking our belongings home each day.

What does this look like?

Recently we have noticed an increasing number of lunch boxes being left at school over night. Being a responsible student means remembering to take our belongings home at night, especially the items we need for the next day. These include homework folders, clothing, lunchboxes and water bottles. This will ensure that our students are well prepared for each school day and they come to school ready to focus on their learning.

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!
P&C Welcome BBQ

Last Saturday we enjoyed a lovely evening as we welcomed everyone back to school over a BBQ and drinks. Thank you to everyone for their contributions of salad and dessert and thank you Aaron Cox for manning the BBQ. It was a nice chance for us all to take a break from our busy lives and catch up with each other.

Student Leader Ceremony

Our student leaders will be inducted at a special parade on Friday the 18th March at 9:30pm. So far we have confirmation that Mr Lawrence Springborg will be joining us again to present some leadership badges. An invitation is attached to this newsletter and as always we look forward to seeing you at this special event.

Pick up reminder

This is just a quick reminder that all students need to be picked up from school as early as conveniently possible. Realistically, students catching a bus or waiting for older students to arrive on a town bus should be the only ones left at school after 3:15pm. If there is no real need for your child to be left at school for a prolonged period of time, we would greatly appreciate your prompt collection of them after school. As always I am happy to discuss this further and am understanding of special circumstances. I thank you in advance for supporting the school in this matter.

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.

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.

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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Interschool Sport Transport

There will be no need for transport volunteers next week as both cricket and softball are home games. Please look out for future transport arrangements and thank you to our parents who have already provided transport.

P&C News

2016 Ballandean Billy Cart Bash Date Claimer

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

Sunday 11th September, 2016

Ballandean State School

wishes the following people a very happy birthday.

Tamitha 2nd March
Lily 6th March
Sam 9th March
Billy Carts on the Border
Family Disco

Friday March 11th, 5:30pm
Gold Coin Entry
Wallangarra Blue Hall

Severnlea Community Market Day

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

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

Bush Dance Fun Day Gymoonkhanha

Saturday 2nd of April
Allora Show Grounds
For further details contact:
Erin 0499 995 770
or
www.cvc.org.au

Ballandean Hall and Sports Association Centenary

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