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 breakfast.

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

PBL Value: A Learner
Focus Behaviour: Eating a healthy breakfast.

What does this look like?

We all need food to provide us with the energy we need for the day and our students are no different. A healthy and substantial breakfast filled with whole grains, carbohydrates, dairy and fruit will give our students the best chance to succeed each day. Breakfast cereals that are high in sugar give our students a peak in energy, however by the time they start learning their energy levels have crashed, making it hard to concentrate. Please take the time to ensure your child is eating a breakfast that will provide the fuel their brains need for a busy day of learning.

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

Weekly Awards

Congratulations to our weekly winners!
Student Leader Ceremony

Thank you to our parents, staff, students and special guests for helping to celebrate our student leader induction today. I will pop some photographs of the ceremony in next week’s edition of the Bulletin. Congratulations once again to our student leaders, house captains and prep buddies, I know that you will proudly serve Ballandean State School in your leadership positions.

Play Group Expressions of Interest

This year, Ballandean State School would like to begin a playgroup for our community members that have pre-school aged children at home. We are currently working with our school Chaplain, Mrs Chasely Paech, to get this project off the ground and would love to gauge the interest in the community. If you would be interested in bringing your children to playgroup, please contact the school on 4684 1254, send an email to the principal at nbrow158@eq.edu.au or comment on the playgroup Facebook post at www.facebook.com/BallandeanSS.

GRIP Leadership Conference

Last Tuesday, our Year 6 students attended the GRIP leadership conference in Toowoomba. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Lions Club of Stanthorpe, the Stanthorpe RSL Services Club and Mr Lawrence Springborg M.P. for their financial sponsorship of this event.

Cross Country Training

The Ballandean State School cross country competition will take place on Thursday the 21st of April. More information will be provided to parents closer to this date, however I would encourage students to continue their training over the holidays. I will send home a suggested training schedule next week.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

On Wednesday, our external behaviour coaches, Lennie and Amy, visited our school to perform our annual SET. The SET is a survey of staff and students to identify how deeply embedded our behaviour management structures are at school. The experience was very positive with results expected to be sent out next week. Before Lennie and Amy left they commented on the obvious successes in our PBL journey and commended the school on promoting positive behaviour.

Reading the Time in Year 2/3

The year 2/3 students are busily practising reading the time at school and it would great if this skill could be reinforced at home. Please take the time… pun intended… to practise o’clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to times with your child. Thank you.

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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On Tuesday I accompanied our year 6 students, together with Glen Aplin and Severnlea, to the GRIP Leadership conference in Toowoomba. GRIP takes its name from the four core values: Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity and People. On the day, students actively participated in practical and interactive sessions, designed to prepare them for their roles as leaders in our school. Topics included:
- How to grow as a leader
- Practical tips to say Bye Bye to bullying
- How we can have a positive influence on others
- Traffic Light leadership and working together in a leadership team

Feedback from students was that the day was not only fun, but very worthwhile, with many making new friends and learning how to become better leaders. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank the students for their enthusiastic contributions made in all sessions, and commend them for their exemplary behaviour representing our school on Tuesday. I look forward to seeing the positive influence these leaders will demonstrate in our school community.
As a member of the Ballandean State School community I am:

RESPECTFUL          RESPONSIBLE          A LEARNER          SAFE

Ballandean State School

wishes the following a very happy birthday:

Sky - 20th March        Azriel - 30th March        Taylah - 3rd April
April - 10th April      Sophie - 12th April

Community News

Bush Dance Fun Day Gymkhana

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.

Casual Cleaner Urgently Wanted

Required for holiday home in Ballandean.
Approximately 4 hours work each clean.
Please call Rebecca Pollard on 0407 745 460
or
email on info@severnviewaccommodation.com

Actively Pursuing Community Goals

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