From the Principal

Dear parents, families and wider community,

With school holidays beginning today I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you and congratulations for a wonderful term. Our students have achieved some wonderful growth already this year and this hasn’t come without hard work from them, commitment from our staff, and support from our parents.

I wish you all a very safe holiday break and hope that you all get the opportunity to spend some quality time with family and friends, and that you all find the time to recharge your batteries ready for Term 2.

Kindest regards,
Nathan Brown

Weekly Awards

Congratulations to our weekly winners!
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. Attached to this newsletter is a suggested training schedule to support the practice already in place at school.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Last 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. I am delighted to report that, through hard work and dedication, we have successfully improved our implementation rate from 66.6% in 2015 to an outstanding 93.2% in 2016.

Year 2/3 Story Afternoon

This afternoon, the Year 2/3 class celebrated their amazing achievements in writing at the Year 2/3 book launch. We are all very proud of the hard work these students have put in during the term and I especially congratulate Mr Andersen and Mrs Gianini for their commitment to improving the writing standards of our children.

Interschool Sports

Congratulations to our softball team who competed in the interschool competition final against Wallangarra yesterday. In what was a very hard fought and exciting game, our students were narrowly defeated by 2 points.

Next term our interschool sports competition continues with soccer and netball being the sports of choice. Again, I take this moment to thank our parents in advance for helping with transport next term.

Use of School Grounds

I would like to remind parents that the oval and cricket nets can be used freely by families over the holidays if your children need some time to run around and burn off some energy. The tennis courts can be hired for use through the Ballandean General Store with all proceeds going straight back to the P&C.

Religious Instruction (RI)

It was recently brought to our attention that, as a school, we have not been providing readily available access to the community regarding our Religious Instruction program here at school. This was certainly not intentional and we have already put in measures to rectify this issue by including an information sheet with this newsletter and placing information on the school website. As from next term we will also be regularly reporting on the topics covered in RI classes.

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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Ballandean Hall and Sports Association Centenary

Saturday 16th of April
Activities begin at 11:00am

Fresh Seafood in Ballandean

Robbo's fresh seafood is owned and operated by Rex Creer jnr, a Ballandean local.

Robbo’s drops off fresh seafood to Ballandean on Friday afternoons.

If you would like to order, Kerry and Tracey from the Ballandean General Store have kindly offered to hold orders for pick up.

For more info or to receive Robbo's weekly e-mails, call or email Rex on 0427035545 or rdcreer@gmail.com

Ballandean State School
wishes the following a very happy birthday:

Azriel - 30th March          Taylah - 3rd April
Mr McCormick - 8th April    April - 10th April
Sophie - 12th April
2016 Student Leader Induction

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