As a member of the Ballandean State School community I am:

RESPECTFUL          RESPONSIBLE          A LEARNER          SAFE

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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 waiting our turn to speak, while the Golden Gotcha trophy will focus on taking turns and sharing during games.

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PBL Value: Respectful
Focus Behaviour: Waiting our turn to speak.

What does this look like?

Unless it is an emergency, students should wait patiently for their turn to speak, showing respect for the person already speaking. Students still raise their hand in the classroom however these days our teachers employ a range of active participation strategies that ensure all students are engaged in classroom discussions. We would also hear students say “excuse me” when gaining the attention of someone they wish to speak to, especially adults who may already be in conversation.

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!
Welcome Back

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to school to all of our families, students and staff. I sincerely hope you were all able to spend some quality family time over the holidays. This term is very busy with many whole school functions and activities taking place, such as cross country, ANZAC Day and Border District Eisteddfod. Important information about these and other events will be shared in the weekly Bulletin so I urge all parents to read the newsletter in its entirety each week so you don’t miss out.

After School Pick-Up Expectations

As you are aware, one of our four schoolwide expectations is to be safe. This safety expectation also applies to after school time and requires parent support to ensure this occurs. Once students are released from the undercover area they are to walk directly to their parents where they wait by their side until they depart. At no time should students be permitted to run around outside the front of the school as this is a high traffic area and there is a high risk of serious injury if a student is hit by a car. As parents, you can assist with this by ensuring your child waits by your side while you chat with other parents and actively supervise their safety outside the school grounds.

Dental Van

The dental van will be arriving at Ballandean State School in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye out for information around this including permission forms to receive the service.

ANZAC Day Commemoration Ceremony

Next Friday, we will remember our servicemen and women at our annual ANZAC Day commemoration ceremony here at school. This ceremony will commence at 9:30am with a light morning tea to follow. To ensure this service runs smoothly can I ask that all students are dressed in correct school uniform and are at school on time. I also kindly ask families to bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea.

Wreath Making and Donations of Flowers

As with every year, I would like to kindly ask any available parents to assist with donating flowers and greenery, and making our wreaths for ANZAC Day. These wreaths will be used in our school ceremony and then again at the Pyramid dusk service. Flowers and greenery can be dropped into the school from Wednesday afternoon onwards and wreath making will commence at 1:15pm on Thursday 21st of April (at school). We greatly appreciate any assistance you can offer and look forward to seeing you at school on Thursday afternoon.

Ballandean Pyramid Dusk Service

The Ballandean State School students will again run the ANZAC Day dusk service at the Pyramid on Monday 25th of April. Students will need to arrive by 4:45pm with the service commencing at 5:00pm sharp. Students are to wear their correct school uniform and I would encourage they bring a school jacket or jumper as it may be cold. This is a very important event for the Ballandean community and I encourage all students and families to attend, especially those who are playing an active role in the service.

Outstanding Invoices

There are still some outstanding invoices for the student resource scheme. These will be sent home today and please remember if you need any assistance with payment please see Karen in the office.
NAPLAN

Over the coming weeks you may notice an increased coverage of NAPLAN in the media. Please keep an eye on your children and let us know if you think they are becoming anxious about the upcoming testing. As a school we simply encourage students to do the best they can in NAPLAN, as with any other piece of assessment or school work, and the same can be done from you at home. There is no need for students to do ‘practice’ testing at home as the curriculum being delivered here at school addresses the content which is tested in NAPLAN. If you have any questions or request for support, please don’t hesitate to come and see me.

Cross Country

Next Thursday, the Ballandean State School cross country competition will be run using the usual course at the Ballandean Soccer Club and Gun Club. Staff and students will walk to the soccer fields at 9am with a walk through of the course to commence at 9:15am. Official racing will then kick off at 9:30am. Throughout the 1km course we will need a number of checkpoints to ensure student safety. We greatly appreciate any parents who are able to assist with some of these checkpoints on the day.

Interschool Sports

The Term 2 competition will commence next week. Match draws and transport information will be sent home next week once we have received everything from the organisers of each sport.

Ballandean Hall Centenary Celebrations

This Saturday, the Ballandean Hall will celebrate the centenary of its opening. Many of our students will be taking part in the day and I would encourage you to come down and join in with the celebrations. I have attached the timetable of activities in the community news section of this Bulletin.

P&C Meeting

There will be a general P&C meeting next Wednesday the 20th April at 6:30pm. All parents are welcome at this meeting, as with any P&C meeting, and it is a great chance to have your input on the direction and improvement of your child’s school. We look forward to seeing you there.

Winter Uniforms

As the colder weather approaches each year we often see a large number of non-school uniform jumpers, tracksuits and jackets. I understand that uniforms are another cost to families but wearing the correct uniform is an important part of school. Winter uniform items can be purchased from the school on any day except Tuesday, just see Karen Kimmins in the office. Otherwise, please contact our friendly P&C uniform coordinator, Karen Daveson, on 0422 002 071 for information.

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 at the beginning of term.

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Ballandean Hall and Sports Association Centenary

Saturday 16th of April
11:00am Tree planting in memory of Anne Brayshaw—Sports Ground
11:30am Hall open for lunch and arrival of Southern Downs Steam Train
12:30pm Lunch - nibbles, antipasto and main meal
1:30pm Narration by Peter Salata
2:00pm Dessert
2:30pm Ballandean State School students hall opening re-enactment
3:00pm Music and storytelling by Ballandean locals
4:30pm Time capsule
5:00pm BBQ starts
6:30pm Band
10:00pm Close

St Joseph’s Parish Three Saints Celebrations 20th Anniversary

Sunday, 1st May
Program available upon request
For more information contact Joe Spina on 07 4683 2247
gjspina@bigpond.com

The Summit State School P&C BINGO night

Saturday, 7th of May
The Summit Hall
Doors open 6pm
Book of 10 games - $20 each
Bar and supper available

For Sale

Border Collie Cross Pups
Contact Chris on 0428 841 362
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Ballandean State School
wishes the following a very happy birthday

Alex 16th

P&C Meeting

Wednesday 20th April, 6:30pm
All Welcome!

Agenda

Bendigo Community Bank Guest Speaker
Community Benefit Fund Grant
Succession plan for executive positions
Granite Belt Athletics Competition feedback
Farmers Market BBQ stall opportunity
Camp pricing & request for P&C contribution
Responsible Behaviour Plan Endorsement
Annual Implementation Plan Endorsement

Hope to see you there.