Dear Parents, families and wider community,

Next week our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) value will see staff explicitly teaching the importance of following directions straight away, while the *Golden Gotcha* trophy will focus on placing our rubbish in the bin.

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

**PBL Value: Responsible**

**Focus Behaviour: Following directions straight away.**

**What does this look like?**

Students have an important role to play at school and we regularly discuss this at debriefing. In order to be the best learners they can be, students must follow direction from staff, both in the classroom and the playground. When students follow directions straight away it allows teachers more time to individually support students with their learning rather than spending time re-directing students to the task at hand.

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

Kindest regards,

Nathan Brown

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**Weekly Awards**

Congratulations to our weekly winners!
ANZAC Day Commemoration Ceremony

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Anzac Day commemoration ceremony. Congratulations to all students who played a role and to the student choir for your beautiful voices. I will include a full review of our Anzac services, including photos, in next week’s edition of the Bulletin.

Wreath Making and Donations of Flowers

A huge thank you to all of the parents, students and Mrs G for the amazing work you did on our Anzac wreaths. Yet again you excelled yourselves and we greatly appreciated your time and effort.

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 them to 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. At the conclusion of the service, a BBQ and bar will be available for purchase with all proceeds being donated to a service organisation. In the event of rain, the service will take place at the Ballandean Community Hall.

Cross Country

On Thursday, we saw the running of the 2016 school cross country carnival. It was a magical day with students putting in a huge effort on their runs. A special congratulations goes to our age champion winners; Alex Jenkinson, Amelia Perkins, Blake Carmody, Isabella Walker, Sam Rametta, Kemureti Cameron, Zephyr Horan and Allegra Daveson. Congratulations also goes to Mitchell House who snuck ahead of Cunningham to take out the perpetual shield. Thank you to the staff and parents for their support and assistance throughout the day, we couldn’t have done it without you.

Darling Downs Netball Trials

Recently, a number of our students attended the Darling Downs netball trials. A full report of this day has been prepared by Allegra Daveson and is included in this edition of the Bulletin. Thank you Allegra for your excellent summary of what was a fantastic day.

Granite Belt Soccer Trials

Congratulations to Hamish Earl-Jones for successfully making the Granite Belt team for soccer. We wish you the best of luck in the upcoming Darling Downs Trials.

P&C Meeting

There will be a general P&C meeting next Wednesday the 27th 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.

Book Club Due

All book club orders will be due back at school by the 6th of May. Please ensure that payment is included with your order so that you don’t miss out. Orders cannot be placed without payment.
**Dental Van**

Permission forms for the Dental Van have already gone home. Please return these to the school office as soon as possible.

**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 outstanding attendance results.

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**Darling Downs Netball Trials**

On Monday 18th April, the Granite Belt 11 and 12 year old netball teams went to the Darling Downs Netball Trials in Toowoomba. Five Ballandean students represented the Granite Belt - Allegra Daveson, Bridget Haynes, Lauren Coelli, Kaitlin Mungall and Taylah Wenban. Despite a couple of injuries, it was a magnificent day and all the girls ended up exhausted. Everyone had a brilliant time and played some amazing netball. The weather could not have been better for such an event. Allegra was selected for the **Possibles and Probables** but unfortunately no Granite Belt girls made the Darling Downs Team. All of the girls had a brilliant day and made Ballandean proud.

By Allegra Daveson
Ballandean Hall and Sports Association Centenary
Thank you letter

In relation to the Ballandean Hall Centenary we would like to thank all who donated their money, skills, produce and time as well as those who lent pictures and other items for display at the hall. The list of those who assisted with our event is too extensive to mention everyone by name, so please accept this as our thanks and allow us to make one exception: we wish to acknowledge students from Ballandean State School for re-enacting the 1916 Opening Ceremony and/or assisting with lunch – these young people were a credit to themselves and those who supported them in volunteering for our local community.
Again thank you to everyone who attended and assisted in making ours a one-in-a-hundred event.

Ballandean Hall and Sports Committee

Ballandean Hall Fundraiser

Lovegrass for sale.
$4 per bale or $5 delivered (minimum 25 bales for delivery)
Contact Peter Watters on 0427 583 194

Summit Heart Market

7th May, 9:00am - 2:00pm
117 Granite Belt Drive, The Summit

For more information contact:
Isabella on 0418 957 227
As a member of the Ballandean State School community I am:
RESPECTFUL          RESPONSIBLE          A LEARNER          SAFE

P&C Meeting

Wednesday 27th 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.

Happy Birthday!

Ballandean State School
wishes the following a very happy birthday

Karoll 16th
Chloe 23rd