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 asking for help when needed, while the Golden Gotcha trophy will focus on removing our hats while at debriefing.

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

PBL Value: A learner
Focus Behaviour: Asking for help when needed.

What does this look like?

At Ballandean State School we make every effort to individualise our curriculum delivery to suit the developmental levels of our students. We also deliberately provide opportunities to challenge our students which can result in them needing assistance throughout the day. As students, it is important to understand that there is no shame in asking for help and that this is all part of the learning process. Students would typically raise their hand to ask for help and wait for the teacher or teacher aide to assist them.

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!
Granite Belt Cross Country

Next Thursday, a number of our students will be representing Ballandean State School at the Granite Belt Cross Country trials. Competing students are encouraged to arrive at Severnlea State School at 9:00am, ready for a 9:15am course familiarisation walk. We wish our competing students the best of luck and know that they will represent our school with pride.

North Keppel Island Environmental Education Centre Camp

At the P&C meeting this week some decisions were made around funding the Year 5/6 camp to NKIEEC. Next week I will send home an information pack all about camp, including a minimal cost to parents. I appreciate your patience in allowing me to put together all of this information so that you are all well informed.

Book Club

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.

As many of you are aware, this year will be the last year that Vanessa will be able to volunteer her services with Book Club. With this in mind we are putting a call out early to see if anyone would be interested in taking on this shared role next year. Anyone interested can contact the school and we can organise a time to learn the ropes.

Dental Van

The Dental Van has arrived and services will begin next week. Please ensure your dental forms have been returned.

Removal of the Tree

As you are aware by now, there has been a slight change to the landscape at the entrance to our school with the removal of the Gum Tree at the flag poles. Unfortunately, while trimming some overhanging branches, it was discovered that the tree was in fact infested with termites and dry rot, leaving a structurally unsound tree. Although it was a shame to lose this iconic piece of flora, the safety of our students always comes first and the removal was inevitable. We will plant a replacement tree in the coming weeks.

Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum

Throughout this term, Chasely will be implementing the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum with students in years 2-6. The curriculum is based on principles of best practice in child safety education and centres around three key messages: Recognise, React and Report. Through a series of lessons, students will learn how to recognise, react and report when they are unsafe or find themselves in situations that can have a significant detrimental effect on their physical, psychological or emotional well-being.


New Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students (RBP4S)

Our new RBP4S has now been endorsed by the P&C and the Assistant Regional Director, Don Grobe, meaning it can now be provided to parents and fully implemented in the school. A copy of the new plan and supporting information will be sent home during the week.
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.

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Year 2/3 - Having Fun with Shapes
As a member of the Ballandean State School community I am:
RESPECTFUL          RESPONSIBLE          A LEARNER          SAFE

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

Cross Country