The Ballandean Bulletin

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From the Principal

Dear Parents, families and wider community,

Next week our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) expectation will see staff explicitly teaching the importance of walking quietly through the school, while the Golden Gotcha trophy will focus on fair play during games at lunchtime.

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

PBL Expectation: Respectful
Focus Behaviour: Walking quietly through the school.

What does this look like?

Here at school, we regularly teach, promote and encourage respectful behaviour towards one another. This includes showing respect to other classes while moving around the school. If classes or students are moving around the school during learning time, they are expected to move quickly and quietly, ensuring excessive noise is kept to a minimum.

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!

Would you like to receive the Ballandean Bulletin by email? If so, please send your request to: principal@ballandess.eq.edu.au
Welcome to Mrs Jehan Worby

On Monday, we were delighted to have Mrs Worby join us from Christian Heritage College. Mrs Worby is a second year education student completing a four week block of professional experience, based in the year 2/3 classroom. We welcome her to Ballandean State School and wish her an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Over the next few weeks, teachers will be inviting all parents to attend a parent teacher conference. These meetings are a great chance to chat with your child’s teacher about their social, academic and behavioural progress so far this year. Although meetings are not compulsory, we encourage your involvement and ask that you respect other parents by keeping to your 15 minute time slot. If you have further questions, a separate meeting can always be booked with your child’s teacher. Please look out for a letter from your child’s teacher with available times to meet.

Thank you

Thank you to the Cox family for their generous and unexpected donation of two beautiful picture books for the library. I am sure they will be very popular and we will have them on the shelves as quickly as we can.

Cold and Flu

It is clear by the number of coughing students at school that we are well and truly into the cold and flu season. Can I please ask parents to keep an eye out for signs of illness and to keep their child at home when necessary. Although I constantly promote high expectations for attendance at school, students are best kept at home during this time to help with recovery and to stop further infection at school.

NAPLAN

Congratulations to our Year 3 & 5 students who completed their NAPLAN testing this week. We are all very proud of your efforts. Reports will be distributed to parents once they are received by the school early next term.

P&C Meeting - Special Guest

At the next P&C meeting on Wednesday the 18th May, we will be joined by a representative from the Bendigo Community Bank who will be discussing banking options for the P&C and students. As always, all parents are welcome to attend and hear what banking solutions they have to offer our school.

Student Safety when Crossing Roads

I would like to ask parents of students who walk to soccer training of a late afternoon to have a refresher conversation about road safety. It is not uncommon for students to be pre-occupied by mobile phones or chatting with their friends which results in a lack of attention to oncoming traffic, especially turning in and out of Curr Road. To support this concern, I am currently drafting a letter to TMR to see if there is any scope to introduce school zones on the New England Highway and Curr Road.

Darling Downs Cross Country Trials

Congratulations to Allegra, Xavier and Zephyr for being selected to represent the Granite Belt in the upcoming Darling Downs Cross Country trials. You should be very proud of your efforts.
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 which reflects recent absences from illness. These attendance results are still excellent considering the impact of colds and flu so well done everyone!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ballandeann State School
wishes the following people a very happy birthday.

Cooper 4th May
Xavier 14th May
Kaitlin 16th May

P&C NEWS

General Meeting

Wednesday 18th May, 6:30pm
Guest Speaker - Bendigo Community Bank Representative
Billy Cart Bash Update
Wood Raffle Update

Community News

Warwick Daily News
2016 Lifeline Bookfest

St Mary’s Hall, Warwick
Friday 27th May, 5:00pm - 9:00pm
Saturday 28th May, 8:00am - 2:00pm
Free admission, parking, eftpos available