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 attempting all learning tasks, while the Golden Gotcha trophy will focus on walking safely on concrete.

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

PBL Expectation: A Learner
Focus Behaviour: Attempting all learning tasks.

What does this look like?

In the coming weeks, students will be completing their final assessment tasks, ready for end of semester report cards. It is very important that students attempt all of these tasks and to ask for assistance when needed. Sometimes students can feel embarrassed if they don’t understand a classroom task, especially if they have attempted it and made errors. Making errors and asking for help is all part of the learning process though, and students should feel proud of themselves for asking staff for assistance.

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 Athletics Carnival Format

During the week a note was sent home asking all families to vote on their preferred format for future Granite Belt athletics carnivals. Attached to the letter was a summary of the two options but please don’t hesitate to come and see me if you need further clarification. Voting slips need to be returned to school by Thursday the 26th May.

Border District Eisteddfod

The Border District Eisteddfod is less than two weeks away. Students will be performing a number of songs on the day and I would encourage everyone to put in some extra practice over the next couple of weeks. If you would like a copy of the music, please just bring a USB to school and we will copy the files for you. Copies of the song words can also be provided upon request. More information about the Eisteddfod will be provided to parents over the next couple of weeks.

School Performance Tours

On the 31st of May, students will be treated to an Arts performance by the School Performance Tours team. This term’s performance is entitled A Slice Of Vaudeville and it offers students a mixture of ventriloquism and magic. The school will cover all costs for this performance however if you do not wish for your child to participate, please contact the school.

2016 Ballandean Billy Cart Bash

Preparations for the 2016 Billy Cart Bash are well underway with our first Billy Cart meeting scheduled for Wednesday the 25th May, 6:30pm here at school. All parents are welcome to attend these meetings, regardless of whether you attend regular P&C meetings. In order to ensure a Billy Cart Bash that is bigger and better than last year, we will need as many helpers as possible so we thank you in advance for offering up a small amount of your time to help out. We must remember that the Billy Cart Bash is our main fundraiser for the year with profits going straight back into the school to help subsidise school camps and activities, and to assist with purchasing resources such as new computers and sporting equipment.

Book Club Volunteers

At the end of the year we will sadly see Vanessa leave our school family as her youngest child completes their primary school education. With this, we will also lose her as a very valuable book club volunteer. In order to allow Vanessa and Jess some time to train a new volunteer we are seeking expressions of interest from parents to take on this minor role next year. If you are interested or would like more information, please don’t hesitate to contact the school or catch Jess in the carpark.

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 massive impact of colds and flu so well done everyone!

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General Meeting - Date Claimer

Please mark the following date in your diaries for the next P&C meeting.

Wednesday 20th July, 6:30pm

Ballandean Billy Cart Bash Meeting

Wednesday 25th of May @ 6:30pm
Ballandean State School Library
All Welcome

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

Stanthorpe State High School’s
Giant Market

Saturday 5 November 2016
8am until 1pm
See attached flyer for more details on securing your stall.