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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 completing assessment tasks by the due date, while the *Golden Gotcha* trophy will focus on establishing and following agreed rules in games.

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PBL Expectation: A Learner
Focus Behaviour: Completing assessment tasks on time.

What does this look like?

Keeping with our focus of being a learner, this week we will be discussing strategies on how to manage our time in order to complete assessment tasks on time. Obviously this is a very important skill for our older students as they head towards transitioning to high school, but it is equally important for our younger students to learn time management skills that they can embed in their everyday lives.

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!
Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students

During the week, the revised Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students was distributed to all families. As the accompanying letter suggested, this plan should be read carefully with particular focus on expected behaviours, definitions of minor and major behaviours, and consequences for both positive and inappropriate behaviour. The plan should also be kept for future reference if necessary.

CAMP Info Booklet

On Monday, the Year 5 & 6 students were given their first camp information booklet. This contained lots of useful information to get the students excited about their trip to the tropical north. Early next term I will hold a brief parent information session to go through the camp in more detail and answer any questions that parents have.

Bale out a Farmer

A couple of weeks ago, the students dressed like a farmer for the day to support the Bale out a Farmer fundraiser which was organised by Broadwater State School. I am delighted to say that Ballandean State School staff and students raised $100 to donate to this cause with the total donations from all involved exceeding $2000. Well done students for helping to play a part in this wonderful fundraising achievement.

Lauren Coelli DD Soccer

During the week, Lauren Coelli was called up to take on the goal keeping role for the Darling Downs Soccer team due to an injury sustained by the regular goal keeper. Although we don’t want to celebrate the misfortune of others, we do congratulate Lauren on this amazing achievement and wish her the very best of luck when she competes at the State trials in June.

Border District Eisteddfod

The Border District Eisteddfod is Next Thursday. Students must wear full school uniform (not senior shirts) and will be transported by Crisps Coaches with no cost to parents. Students will compete in the Primary Schools Choral contest and Tiny Tots Choir, which are expected to begin by 10:45am. A permission note was sent home during the week and we appreciate this being returned by Monday 30th of May.

School Performance Tours

Next Tuesday, 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.

Ballandean Billy Cart Bash

Thank you to those who came to the first Billy Cart Bash meeting for the year. With discussions and planning well under way for the 2016 event, we would greatly appreciate as many people as possible to come and share their ideas at these meetings. Getting involved with these meetings is a great way to support and thank the P&C for their valuable contributions to Ballandean State School, including their considerable financial support of this year’s school camp.
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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, however now that we are on the end of recent illness it is expected that these attendance rates will begin to climb again.

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**P&C NEWS**

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 15th of June @ 6:30pm
Ballandean State School Library
All Welcome

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Ballandean State School
wishes the following a very happy birthday

Isabella    31st May
Prep/1 Having Fun with Numbers

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