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 tucking your chair in, while the Golden Gotcha trophy will focus on walking in two lines or as directed by staff.

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

PBL Expectation: Safe
Focus Behaviour: Tuck your chair in.
What does this look like?

Classrooms can be very busy places at times with students moving around the room to different groups and work activities. By tucking in our chairs we are able to help keep our classrooms safe and limit the risks of trip hazards. Tucking our chairs in or stacking them on our desks at the end of the day also helps to keep our rooms looking neat and tidy, and easy to clean.

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!
Fire Wood Raffle

With the cold weather quickly approaching, the P&C are running a fire wood raffle with all proceeds going directly back into the school to support our students. Families should have already received their fire wood raffle ticket pack with tickets to sell. If you have already sold these tickets and would like more, please come and see the office. The raffle will be drawn early next term and we thank you for your efforts in selling your tickets.

Election Stall

Last week, a letter was sent home asking for volunteers and donations for our election day stall. We greatly appreciate all donations of home-bake and produce, and thank those in advance for helping to run the stall on the day. It is not too late to volunteer, simply return the slip at the bottom of last week’s letter and we will happily add you to our roster.

Students Arriving Early

I understand that it is necessary for many students to arrive at school early due to transport arrangements and buses. Having said this, students arriving early are expected to sit quietly and read a book, finish homework or play a quiet board game with a friend. Unfortunately, these behaviours are not being displayed consistently, despite these expectations being made very clear every day. As a result, students arriving early will now sit at provided desks to read a book or complete homework. If your child does not need to be here early can I please encourage you to drop them off closer to 8:30am when we have a staff member on duty to take them outside to run around.

Report Cards

Student report cards will be sent home on the final day of school this term with report cards posted in the event of student absence. When you receive your report, please take the time to read the front page as this contains a lot of useful information around the assigning of achievement grades. More information around student reporting can also be found on the Queensland Education website. http://education.qld.gov.au/

Explicit Writing Training

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, Mrs Egerton, Mr Andersen, Mr Adams, Mrs Edwards and I, joined a number of other educators from the region for some extensive training in the explicit teaching of writing. Both days were very informative and as a staff group we were able to begin planning a more sharpened process to improve writing standards here at school. Next term, we will undergo a thorough analysis of student data to identify common gaps in student writing and attack these gaps through explicit teaching and daily writing activities. I am already excited to see how this very focussed approach to teaching writing will improve student outcomes.

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. Please also remember when making holiday plans that all students are expected to attend school until the final bell on the last day of term.

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Soccer Team

Netball Team

P&C Meeting
Wednesday 20th of July @ 6:30pm
Ballandean State School Library
All Welcome

Ballandean Billy Cart Bash Meeting
Wednesday 15th of June @ 6:30pm
Ballandean State School Library
All Welcome

Election Day Stall
Saturday 2nd July, 8am - 1pm
Volunteers, home-bake and produce required