Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**WALKING BUS**
We are very excited to have started a walking bus. Ms Browning will meet students at The Shang St Park (near Moorooool hub) at 8am on Monday and Friday mornings. At 8:10am, she will meet students at the McEwen St Bridge and then the Francis St Bridge at 8:15am. Together, everyone can walk to school which is such a great initiative as it supports students and parents’ fitness (parents are welcome to join in too) and helps to get our students to school on time. Students can then make their way to the activity room for a delicious breakfast of toast and fruit.

**HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS SMOOTH THE WAY**
It’s an exciting time for both our Year 6 students who will move to high school in 2016. No matter where your child will attend high school, taking part in open events, information evenings and orientation or taster days is an important step toward a smooth transition between primary and secondary education. Term 4 is normally the time that high schools open their classrooms to incoming students, so be sure to check with your chosen high school about upcoming opportunities for you and your child to tour the facilities and meet the teachers. We will continue to work closely with our local high schools to support students to make a smooth transition.

**PREP OPEN DAY**
We warmly welcome you to come along to our Prep Open Morning on Friday 30th October starting at 9am in the Balaclava State School Prep Building off McCoombe Street. Experience Balaclava Prep, meet the teachers, participate in activities, tour the school and receive information about the school for 2016.

**PREP ENROLEMENTS FOR 2016**
Do you have a younger sibling due to enrol into Prep for 2016? Children born between 1st July 2010 and 30th June 2011 are eligible to enrol now for Prep here at Balaclava State School. Birth certificates and immunisation records must be produced.

**ABSENCE HOTLINE**
We have a phone number dedicated to student absences. You will now be able to send us a text telling us why your child is away. Please make sure that you give your child’s full name in the text message and year level/class.

**Quote of the Week**
“High Quality Teaching and Learning, High Expectations, Highway to Success”
The Balaclava Way

Ms Jane Termaat
Principal
TRINITY BAY VISIT
Yesterday, the year 6 teachers and I attended a meeting at Trinity Bay High School to discuss the transition of our year 6 students into year 7. It was a very positive experience and we had the privilege of walking through all of the brand new classrooms that our students will be using next year. This visit reinforced to us that students need to have their high school application forms submitted asap so that they do not miss out on a place next year and/or orientation day on the 9th of December. If you have any questions regarding next year please contact myself or Mrs Roome at the office.

Mr Michael Patane
Deputy Principal

REMINDER – YEAR 6
Students in Year 6 please return your form indicating which High School you are enrolling in in 2016. If you have lost your form visit Mrs Roome in the office and ask for another. Remember that you require a birth certificate and evidence of where you currently live. Entry into High School is not an automatic process with High Schools in our area all enrolment managed. This means that the street where you live determines where you are able to attend in 2016.

SWIMMING
Swimming starts THIS FRIDAY 23rd October and will run every Friday for 6 weeks. Permission notes MUST be returned to your teacher by tomorrow. If you need a replacement please see the office.

Each Friday, students must be at school on time and will need to bring the following:
• A bag to store dry clothes
• Bathers and a shirt (all students must wear a shirt over their bathers for sun safety)
• Towel
• Sunscreen
• Dry underwear (if you wear your bathers to school)

Students are encouraged to wear sun safe swimming outfits in the pool and students with long hair are encouraged to wear a swimming cap.

JANE’S JOTTINGS
Cool Little Kids Online is a free online program for Australian parents of shy or anxious young children aged 3 – 6 years. It is adapted from the Cool Little Kids group parenting program, which has been safely and effectively used in Australia for over 10 years.

Parents have found it helpful for improving young children’s fear and anxiety about:
• Saying hello/goodbye
• Separating from parents (e.g. at preschool)
• Playing with unfamiliar people (e.g. playdates, parties)
• Trying new activities (e.g. swimming lessons)
• Going to sleep

Cool Little Kids Online is a web-based program designed to increase parent’s knowledge and build practical skills. The program contains 8 ‘modules’ with easy to read information, practical skills, videos and stories from other parents who have done the program. Each module takes about 30-60 minutes to complete. The program does require a commitment of parent’s time and effort—but the reward will be a more confident, less fearful child! The program is currently available as part of a research study—find out more at the following link:
https://coollittlekids.org.au/site/sign-up

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY
Queensland state schools will celebrate World Teachers’ Day on Friday 30th October. It is a perfect opportunity for schools and students to say thank you to teachers. World Teachers’ Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society. Recognised in more than 100 countries worldwide on October 5th, it is celebrated in Queensland on the last Friday of October to fit around our school holidays. The day is a wonderful opportunity to thank our wonderful teachers for the job they do each and every day.

I would like to publicly thank my teachers for their wonderful efforts each and every day. The teachers in this school take on many additional duties and responsibilities, and go beyond expectations on many levels. I am so proud of the time, energy and pride they place into their work each and every day, ensuring that our students have the greatest opportunities to learn to their full potential. Thank you teachers! You are a great team!
SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT
This year we are pleased to be continuing our journey with School Wide Positive Behaviour Support.

This fortnight our FOCUS SKILL is:
EATING TIME BEHAVIOURS
✓ Take your food to your eating area (no lunch boxes),
✓ Sitting at all times,
✓ Respecting other people’s personal space,
✓ Bin monitors will collect your rubbish,
✓ Leave area clean and tidy,
✓ When the bell rings, hands up to go play.

DENTAL CLINIC REOPENED
Balaclava Dental Clinic now OPEN.
The clinic has finished their renovations and has reopened for business! If you require an appointment please contact: 0740 541 677

3/4A & 3/4B SCIENCE INVESTIGATION
Hello from 3/4A and B! We would like to share with you our Science investigation about the Earth’s rotation and its influence on our shadows. We found that our shadows are the shortest in the middle of the day and are the longest in the morning.

Did you know???
• The sun only seems to rise and set? It is actually the Earth’s anticlockwise rotation on its axis.
• The Earth’s rotation on its axis takes 24 hours which equals one day!
• The Earth’s rotation is how we experience day and night!
• It takes 365 days for the Earth to orbit the Sun!

STUDENT AWARDS

DENTAL CLINIC REOPENED

DAY FOR DANIEL
The 11th annual Day for Daniel 2015 will be held on Friday the 30th of October. Wear Red and Educate is the theme of Day for Daniel. The student council will be organising activities on the day.

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation held the first Day for Daniel in November 2005. The Day for Daniel is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. It is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to ‘Recognise, React and Report’ if they feel something is not right. The objectives of Day for Daniel are:
• To raise awareness about child safety and protection and to promote a safer community for children.
• To educate children regarding their personal safety and empower them to ‘Recognise, React and Report’.
• To provide FREE safety and educational material.
• To honour the memory of Daniel Morcombe.
• To have over 1 million people Australia Wide to participate in Day for Daniel.

Day for Daniel is also an opportunity for Australians to make a statement that crimes against children are not acceptable in modern Australia.
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