Dear Parents and Caregivers,

NAPLAN
Well, NAPLAN has finished for another year. Thank you to the parents and staff for the support, and the extra effort that has gone into preparing the students. While we have placed a lot of emphasis on preparing students for the tests, the rest of the curriculum has not been neglected. While it will be a few months before we get the results, I know that each and every student who participated did their best. I am so proud of all of them.

THANK YOU
Thank you to the P&C and the Student Council for hosting a very enjoyable “Jungle Fever” disco on Thursday night. It was excellent to see so many wonderful costumes. Check out some of the photos of our BSS kids letting loose after three days of hard work during the NAPLAN tests. A special thank you to the Student Council for the music and dance competition, and an extra special thank you to the P&C for the delicious food.

ATTENDANCE
As we near the middle of the year, it is very important that we continue to focus on attending school every day. Do you realise that just by missing one day per week, your child will miss 40 days in the year? That is 8 weeks of schooling and nearly a whole term and across their 13 years of school that is over 2.6 years! This means your child is never going to reach Year 12 standard which will make it difficult to achieve their dream job. In Prep or Year 1 this may seem like a long time in the future but the routines you establish now will be the routines for their entire school life so it is extremely important to start seriously. If there is a problem make a point to talk to your child’s teacher so that the issue can be worked through. I know you want your child to succeed in life so please send them to school every day.

PARENTLINE
Parentline is a useful support service about which I often hear good reports. It is confidential, seven days a week 8am – 10pm and available to any parent for any issue. Cost of a local call 1300 30 1300 www.parentline.com.au

Have a great week!

Ms Jane Termaat
Principal
DEPUTY’S DESK

BLACK SHORTS
Over the last couple of weeks we have noticed numerous students attending school without proper uniform. While nearly all of the students are wearing a school shirt many students are attending school without black shorts. School uniform is an essential component for a child to have a successful day at school. It is also a vital safety component as it allows staff to recognize Balaclava students easily. The school’s uniform consists of a purple Balaclava shirt, plain black shorts, bucket hat and covered footwear. Please help keep our kids safe by making sure your child comes to school in full uniform.

Ms Michael Patane
Deputy Principal

PREP 2016 ENROLMENTS
Do you have a child due to enroll into Prep for 2017? Children born between 1st July 2011 and 30th June 2012 are eligible to enroll for Prep here at Balaclava State School. Birth certificates and immunisation records must be produced.

KINDY ENROLMENTS
Do you have a child due to enroll into Kindy for 2017? Children turning 4 years of age by the 30th of June can enroll now. Contact Balaclava C&K Kindergarten on 07 4033 5182.

UNIFORMS
All students have until the 1st of June to make sure they are wearing purple Balaclava shirts. Yellow shirts are not school uniform. If this is going to be a problem please contact the office on 07 4081 5333. Balaclava shirts are available from the tuckshop, prices listed below. Thank you for your support.

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*Navailable from school office only

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
Now in its 17th year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school.

This Friday, 20th May - join our BSS walking bus with Ms Browning to help promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

All children who take part will receive a supporters sticker and a delicious, freshly prepared breakfast by Ms Voss, in our activity room.

STAR 102.7 CAIRNS – BROADCAST LIVE FROM BSS
This Thursday, Star 102.7 Cairns, will be broadcasting LIVE from Balaclava! We would love the BSS community support with this event, so please come and join in on the fun from 6:30am.

- Two of our students will be presenting the weather,
- One student will compete against Inkie in "Are you smarter than Inkie", and
- Our Balaclava choir will be performing.

Let’s show listeners what a great school we are!

BSS HAND BALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Over the last two weeks the students from years 5 and 6 have been competing in a handball tournament during lunch time. Thirty-two students competed in the tournament and it was a pleasure to see the outstanding gamesmanship between the participants. The winner of the boy’s tournament was George and the winner of the girl’s tournament was Lakita. Both winners had the opportunity to beat the Deputy Principal in a “Champions Vs. Deputy” round. Tune into Facebook to check out the results and all of the action.

PROSPECTIVE YEAR 7 STUDENTS
Woree State High School is holding an Information Evening for prospective year 7 students in 2017 and their parents/carers.

When: Wednesday 18th May at 5pm
Where: Woree State High School (Q03)
For further information, please contact Linda on 4081 5216.
ATTENDANCE

Week 4:
Well done to Prep B, 1B, 3A, 3/4A, 4/5A, 5/6A and 5/6B. A special mention to 5/6C – first time in the green this year, keep it up! Those classes in the orange you were so close just a few less days away from your whole class will see you hit the green next week. Icy-poles for classes over 92%.

Week 5:
WOW! Wonderful effort from 2A with 98%, fantastic! Prep A, you are right up there also with your outstanding 95%. Great work from Prep B, 3A, 3/4A, 4/5A, 5/6A and 5/6B. A special mention to 5/6C – first time in the green this year, keep it up! Those classes in the orange you were so close just a few less days away from your whole class will see you hit the green next week. Icy-poles for classes over 92%.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Our school will be involved once again in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. The challenge runs from Tuesday 24th May and finishes on Friday 26th August. Children from Prep to Year 2 need to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 are challenged to read 20 books and Years 5 and 6 are challenged to read 15 books. Every child who meets the challenge will receive a certificate signed by the Premier to recognise their achievement. Recording sheets will be available in the coming weeks from your teacher. All children are encouraged to participate. We hope everyone can become involved. Permission forms will be sent out soon.

JANE’S JOTTINGS
Self-esteem in primary school-age children
Here are some ways you can help:
• Talk with the teacher to find out how your child is going. A good relationship between school and home will ensure the best outcomes for your child.
• Teach your child about fair play. He needs chances to win and lose.
• Coach your child through tricky social situations – for example, ‘Try giving a big smile when you want to join in. People will want to play with you if you look happy’.
• Give your child the chance to try new activities and learn new things.

Check out our 100% attendance draw winners. They received an award and a subway voucher!

Ms Karen Roome
Head of Student Services
Date Claimers

May
2nd Labor Day (public holiday)
5th NAIDOC Meeting 2:30pm
10th–12th NAPLAN (years 3 & 5)
12th Jungle Fever Disco
17th P&C Meeting
18th Woree SHS prospective yr 7 student info session
19th Zinc radio broadcast from BSS (6:30am)
20th Individual attendance reward
26th Walk to school day
26th Fire Education (year 1)

June
2nd Fire Education (year 1)
13th Athletics Carnival (day 1)
17th Athletics Carnival (day 2)
20th–22nd Year 6 Camp
21st P&C Meeting

STUDENT AWARDS