Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last week we were visited by nine teachers from Gumdale State School in Brisbane. Our visitors were very impressed with our school and the work that is being completed in class. The visitors were very impressed with the Explicit Instruction that is occurring in the classrooms, the high expectations that each teacher has of every student and they particularly liked our behaviour and attendance strategies.

In 3 weeks’ time report cards will go out to each student. The teachers are currently collecting assessment pieces for report cards which will be completed, edited and handed out in week 11 of this term.

**USING REWARDS TO CHANGE BEHAVIOUR**

A reward is a consequence of good behaviour. It’s a way of saying ‘well done’ after your child has done something good or behaved well. It could be a treat, a surprise or an extra privilege. Rewards can make your praise and encouragement more effective in encouraging good behaviour. Most behaviour is influenced by the consequences that follow it, so when you reward your child’s behaviour, the behaviour is more likely to happen again in the future. Sometimes it’s easier to criticise than it is to compliment. Bad behaviour is more obvious than good behaviour – you’re much more likely to notice when your child is yelling than you are to notice when your child is quietly reading a book. Try to pay attention to the good behaviour, too!

**INFLUENZA**


Our school is helping to prevent the flu from spreading by:
- encouraging children, staff and visitors to cover their mouths and noses when they sneeze or cough,
- having tissues readily available and ensuring used tissues are disposed of immediately, and
- ensuring that children and staff wash their hands regularly.

Have a great week!

Ms Jane Termaat
Principal

**ABSENTEEISM**

0475 977 608 - send a text telling us why your child is away. Please include your child’s full name in the text message, year level/class and reason for absence.
**DEPUTY’S DESK**

**INTER SCHOOL SPORT**

Last week the year 5/6 students attended Interschool sport. The boys competed in Rugby League and Soccer and the girls competed in Netball and Softball. All the students had a great time and it was very impressive to see how well the Balaclava students played and supported one another. I was also impressed to see our students demonstrate the 4B’s. Interschool sport will continue on Fridays for weeks 8 – 9.

*Mr Michael Patane*

*Deputy Principal*

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**PREP 2016 ENROLMENTS**

Do you have a child due to enrol 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.

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**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

School finishes at 2:30pm – if you require care for you child/ren, please contact Balaclava After School & Vacation Care on 4054 5911.

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**UNIFORMS**

Today, 1st June 2016, is the first day that all students must be wearing purple Balaclava shirts. Yellow shirts are not school uniform and are no longer acceptable. If you need assistance purchasing purple Balaclava shirts, please contact the office on 07 4081 5333. Balaclava shirts are available from the tuckshop, prices listed below. Thank you for your support.

- School shirts (small) $26.00
- School shirts (large) $28.00
- Sports shirts $10.00
- Senior shirts $30.00

School bucket hat $8.00

*available from school office only

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**BE A HERO, BE A PIRATE**

Friday 10th June – come to school dressed like a pirate and donate a gold coin to raise money for research into the prevention and cure of brain tumours. Please, no swords – they will be confiscated.

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**REPORT CARD RATINGS**

Your child’s report card will be coming home on Wednesday of the last week of term. The year 6 students will get their report cards on Thursday as they will be attending camp on the first three days of that week. As an Education Queensland State School, we follow particular rules regarding our report ratings, which are as follows:

- **A or VHA rating** - The student has achieved an **EXCELLENT** result, above the age appropriate and state-wide standard and has produced a consistently very high standard of work.
- **B or HA rating** – The student has achieved a **VERY GOOD** result, above the age appropriate and state-wide standard and has produced a high standard of work.
- **C or S rating** – The student is performing at the age appropriate standard and is performing AT the **EXPECTED** state-wide standard. The term “satisfactory” or “sound” is used.
- **D rating** - Student is **DEVELOPING** skills and knowledge required to reach the age appropriate and state-wide standard. Students receiving this result may require some additional assistance and support during class.
- **E or Support required rating** – Student requires **significant additional staff/parental support** in the future to be able to reach age appropriate standards at this stage.
- **N rating** – insufficient evidence to obtain a rating/standard. This may be given if your child was away for a significant amount of time or is currently working on an individual program separate from the current year level work. A comment will be placed next to the rating stating why it was given.

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**WATCH OUT – Cane Trains About**

A message from the General Manager – North Queensland Operations...

- Stay away from locomotives and cane bins,
- Don’t play around railway lines,
- Never walk between cane bins,
- Never go on to a cane railway bridge,
- Never walk behind a train – the driver will not see you,
- If you have to cross the railway tracks, STOP and look both ways, LISTEN and only cross when it is safe,
- OBEY Flashing Lights signals and Give Way signage at road crossings,
- Do not ride trail bikes along the cane railway.
ATTENDANCE

Week 6:
LOOK AT ALL OF THAT DARK GREEN! 1A, 2A, 3A, 3/4A and 4/5A – You are A for AWESOME!! Well Done! Congratulations also to 2/3A, 5/6A and 5/6B, keep it up, we love that you guys are reliable with your great attendance every week. For those classes who didn't make the green, we know you can do better.

INDIVIDUAL ATTENDANCE REWARDS
Invitations have gone out for the individual attendance disco, rewarding students who hit 92% attendance for weeks 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 of Term 2 – which will be held this Friday.

Make sure you reach at least 92% individual attendance for weeks 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 of Term 2, to take part in the individual attendance reward, which started Monday of last week! You can only afford to have 2 days absent. We wonder what the reward will be!?

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
The challenge runs from Tuesday 24th May and finishes on Friday 26th August.
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 are available from your teacher. All children are encouraged to participate and we hope that everyone can become involved.

Win a share in $5,500 worth of books for the school!
Prep to Year 3 – Upload a picture or collage interpreting a book read for the Challenge.
Year 4 to Year 6 – Tell us in 50 words or less, what you liked or learnt the most from a book read for the Challenge.
Year 7 to Year 9 – Tell us in 50 words or less, what you liked or learnt the most from a book read for the Challenge.

Entry dates:
16 May to 16 June
17 June to 16 July
17 July to 16 August
17 August to 9 September

For competition details and to enter, visit: qsuper.qld.gov.au/readingchallenge

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA
National data is collected annually to identify the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment provided for them. It’s your decision whether you want your child’s information to be included in the national reporting or not. Please contact the school if you wish to exclude your child from the national data collection.

Ms Karen Roome
Head of Student Services

ATTENDANCE

Term 2 – Wk 6 Average 91%

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Week 7:
Wonderful job to those classes in the dark green, once again you have kept the whole school in the green, THANKYOU. Super effort to 4/5A with only 4 days away in total and a fantastic 97%. Well done also to 1B, 3/4A and 5/6A. You are all SUPERSTARS! Great work to Prep B, 2A, 2/3A, 3A and 5/6B, YOU ROCK.

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

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Head of Student Services
Date Claimers

May
2\textsuperscript{nd} Labor Day (public holiday)
10\textsuperscript{th}–12\textsuperscript{th} NAPLAN (year 3 & 5)
12\textsuperscript{th} Jungle Fever Disco
17\textsuperscript{th} P&C Meeting
18\textsuperscript{th} Woree SHS prospective yr 7 student info session
19\textsuperscript{th} Jungle Fever Disco
20\textsuperscript{th} Walk to school day
26\textsuperscript{th} Fire Education (year 1)
27\textsuperscript{th} Inter-school sport (year 5 & 6)

June
2\textsuperscript{nd} Fire education (year 1)
3\textsuperscript{rd} Individual attendance reward
3\textsuperscript{rd} Inter-school sport (year 5 & 6)
10\textsuperscript{th} Inter-school sport (year 5 & 6)
10\textsuperscript{th} Pirate Day Friday
13\textsuperscript{th} Athletics carnival (day 1)
17\textsuperscript{th} Athletics carnival (day 2)
19\textsuperscript{th} Peanut Day Friday
20\textsuperscript{th} Walk to school day
26\textsuperscript{th} Fire Education (year 1)
27\textsuperscript{th} Inter-school sport (year 5 & 6)
21\textsuperscript{st} P&C meeting

STUDENT AWARDS