Welcome back to another term at Balaclava State School. I trust you all had an excellent holiday and you are ready for the next great push towards the end of the year.

We extend a warm welcome to the new families that have joined us this term. We hope your children settle in quickly and enjoy their new school.

This term we have a number of events happening which will keep everyone busy. Here are some of the events listed below:

• Big breakfast – Fri 7th Oct
• Individual attendance reward – Fri 7th Oct
• Under 8’s Day – Fri 14th Oct
• Pupil free day – Mon 17th Oct
• World Teachers day – Fri 28th Oct
• Day for Daniel – Fri 28th Oct
• Prep open day – Fri 4th Nov
• Swimming program – see reverse of newsletter for dates
• Wonder of living program – see reverse of newsletter for dates
• Presentation and concert dates will be advertised soon

As you know, this term flies by even faster than the others do. I am sure teachers will appreciate any support that you can offer with reading, group work and other classroom activities.

With the weather warming up, the classrooms will once again be using the air conditioners. It is also imperative that students have hats and sunscreen to avoid unnecessary sun damage. It is also recommended that students have water bottles which they can keep under their desks or in the class fridge to prevent endless interruptions to learn when students need a drink.

We are very excited to announce that the upper school playground project has commenced! The playground has been chosen and construction will be completed by the end of the year! The Smart Schools subsidy scheme will be funding the construction, with Balaclava receiving $43,237 in support of the project. This playground will benefit the school and school community.

Have a fantastic week!

Ms Jane Termaat
Principal
DEPUTY’S DESK

COLLECTION TIME AFTER SCHOOL EVENTS

There are many activities that the school and the teachers offer to students outside of hours and most of these activities are free of charge to the students. While the school and staff are happy to offer these activities we ask that your child is collected at the scheduled finish time. There have been times when staff members have had to wait up to an hour for students to be collected. Please support the school by collecting your child on time so we can continue to offer enjoyable out of school activities for your children.

Ms Michael Patane
Deputy Principal

SWIMMING

Swimming is THIS term, in week 3, so it is important that we receive the permission and payment information as soon as possible. Swimming permission notes have been sent home last term – if you need a replacement, we have copies in the office.

Families have the option to pay with cash OR via Centrepay.

PUPIL FREE DAY

The next Pupil Free day will take place on Monday 17th of October. On this day the teachers will participate in professional development with a specific focus on explicit teaching.

GOOD START PROGRAM

Debra Modra and Jodeci Hodge are our Multicultural Health Workers with the Good Start Program and they will facilitate these sessions every Monday, starting week 2 (12 October – 30 November 2015) from 2:30pm-3:30pm. Consent forms are available at the school office. The Good Start Program has been developed in response to the health needs identified by the Maori and Pacific Islander communities in Queensland. The focus is on helping children and families to build their skills set, knowledge and confidence about healthy eating, physical activity and healthy lifestyles.

WIN A $50 COLES VOUCHER & MOVIE TICKET

As part of our individual attendance reward system, all students who have 100% attendance in week 1 of term 4 will go into the draw to win a $50 Coles voucher for their parent/carer AND a movie ticket for themselves. Competition will be drawn Friday afternoon and winner announced Monday morning.

DRESS CODE POLICY

With the start of the new term, it is a good time to remind students about our dress code policy. Our dress code clearly articulates the expectations of the Balaclava State School uniform. This includes appropriate hats, shoes, T-shirts, shorts. A reminder to the students that nail polish, jewellery and make up are not part of our uniform and should NOT be worn to school at any time. We urge parents to support the school with this policy. Thank you.

Wear your shoes every day,
‘No shoes’ means you cannot play.
Keep them on ‘til half past two,
Our safety rule applies to you.

Wear your hat every day,
‘No hat’ means you cannot play.
Keep it on ‘til half past two,
Our safety rule applies to you.

UPDATE DETAILS

Parents/carers don’t forget to contact the school office to update your child’s records if you have recently moved or changed phone numbers. The ladies in the office sometimes have difficulty getting in contact with families if their child is sick or injured.

KINDY 2017 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 4033 5182.

UNDER 8’S DAY

Balaclava State School invites Balaclava C&K, prep to year 2/3, and parents to our Under 8’s Day on Friday 14th October from 9am – 10:20am. Activities will be held in the hall and all students must be wearing their hat. Some of the activity zones are:

- Art zone
- Messy zone
- Inside chill zone
- Cooking zone
- Sport zone
- Play ground
- Animal zone
- Service zone
INDIVIDUAL ATTENDANCE REWARD
Our individual attendance reward will be held this Friday 7th October. Invitations were sent home earlier this week to students who reached at least 92% attendance for weeks 6 to 10 of Term 3. The reward is a water slide and sausage sizzle, and students are reminded to bring a change of clothes to slide in and a towel (students will not be allowed to slide in school uniform). Those students who are not invited to slide this time, our next reward will be calculated on attendance for Term 4 weeks 1 to 5 and held Friday 11th November.

EVERY DAY COUNTS
This term we will continue our EVERY DAY COUNTS campaign. Every day counts is a state wide initiative that aims to assist in improving student attendance at school through a shared commitment by students, parents, caregivers, schools and the community.

YEAR 6 STUDENT REMINDER
Students in Year 6 – please return your form indicating which High School you are enrolling in for 2017. 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 being enrolment managed. This means that the street where you live determines where you are able to attend in 2017.

PREP 2017 ENROLMENTS
Children born between 1st July 2011 and 30th June 2012 are eligible to enroll for Prep at BSS. Birth certificates and immunisation records must be produced.

ABSENTEEISM
0475 977 608 - send a text telling us why your child is away. Please include your child’s full name, year level/class and reason for absence.

ATTENDANCE
Week 9, Term 3: Whole school average 87%

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Well done to 1A and 4/5A who both win the attendance trophy this week. Great work also to 5/6A, P/1, 1B and 1/2A.

Term 3 Totals: Whole school average 88%

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Not too bad Balaclava! A 2% increase on Term 3 last year. Those classes in red, your goal is to make it into the orange, I know you can do it!

Ms Karen Roome
Head of Student Services
Date Claimers

**October**

3rd  Public holiday (Queen’s Birthday)
4th  First day of term 4
7th  Big breakfast
7th  Individual attendance reward
14th  Under 8’s day
17th  Pupil free day
18th  P&C meeting
21st  School swimming
28th  Day for Daniel
28th  School swimming
28th  World Teachers day

**November**

4th  Prep open day
4th  School swimming
11th  School swimming
11th  Individual attendance reward
14th  NFS parent info session
15th  NFS WOL program
15th  P&C meeting
17th  NFS WOL program & puberty talks
18th  School swimming
25th  School swimming

**STUDENT AWARDS**

These advertisers support us, please support them.