Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 4 is always a busy term and no doubt this one will prove to be the same. As the children are consolidating their learning for the year and building on those skills in preparation for the year ahead it is timely to reflect on the ways in which parents can assist in improving outcomes for their children.

• Ensure your child/ren are at school on time every day. Every day counts!
• Ensure your child/ren have a nourishing breakfast before coming to school. Children need sustenance to be able to concentrate effectively and attend to the academic tasks required of them.
• Ensure your child/ren have all the necessary requisites for the school day. Being fully equipped for the day ahead helps them to be organised and ready for learning.
• Have your child/ren dressed in full school uniform every day. The wearing of the school uniform builds pride and a sense of belonging amongst the children.
• Discuss the school rules with your child/ren and explain why it is important to follow the 4 B’s. (Be Respectful, Be Organised, Be a Learner, Be Safe) Maintaining a culture of learning within our school requires everyone’s support.
• Discuss your child/ren’s progress with the classroom teacher/s regularly. Children thrive when they know everyone is on the ‘same page’.

Take the time to think about these tips. By ensuring all of them are in place your child/ren will be well on the way to a successful academic future. Thank you for your assistance and support. The staff wants only the best future for your children and together we can achieve so much.

Classroom visits
As you know the class teachers value the communication they have with the parents of the children they teach. When there is open and effective communication between the home and the school, student outcomes improve. I, therefore, encourage all parents to make regular contact with their classroom teachers. Please be mindful of the fact that before school, the teachers are preparing for the day ahead and require that time to ensure their day flows smoothly. Should parents require time to discuss a significant issue, they are asked to contact the teacher to arrange a mutual suitable meeting time. This will allow the teacher to give their undivided attention to the issue at hand. Thank you for your consideration with this matter.

Have a fantastic week!

Ms Jane Termaat
Principal
DEPUTY’S DESK

BULLYING NO WAY

Over the last couple of weeks we have seen a spike in our school suspensions for students not following our 4B’s rules. At Balaclava State School we have a ‘no tolerance’ policy on bullying and physical abuse and students breaking these rules will have appropriate consequences applied. Please take the time to remind your child to speak out against bullying. Every child has the right to high quality teaching and learning and to feel safe when they are at school.

Ms Michael Patane
Deputy Principal

SWIMMING

Swimming starts THIS FRIDAY 21st October and will run every Friday for 6 weeks.

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)

JCU – FIRST IN THE FAMILY

As part of JCU’s Access, Participation and Success Plan, they are offering a newly designed school engagement program for year 6 students from selected schools. Balaclava’s year 6 students will be participating in this program on the 8th of November.

The aim of the program is to build students’ awareness of and aspiration for university study

Students will experience:

- On-campus visit to JCU from 9.30 – 12.30
- Campus tours
- Rotational activities – including some college/academic activities + awareness and aspiration raising activities
- School Squad stories – current university students share their stories focusing on making good choices at high school.

We are excited to be part of this program and encourage all year 6 students to participate. Permission forms are available at the office.

DAY FOR DANIEL

The 12th annual Day for Daniel 2016 will be held on Friday the 28th of October

Wear Red and Educate is the theme for Day for Daniel as we strive to have schools, kindergartens, businesses and communities across Australia take action and conduct child safety activities in their local communities to help in ‘Keeping Kids Safe’.

The objectives of Day for Daniel are to raise awareness about child safety and protection and to promote a safer community for children. We want to educate children regarding their personal safety and empower them to ‘Recognise, React and Report’. The day is organized each year to honour the memory of Daniel Morcombe and to make a statement that crimes against children are not acceptable in modern Australia. More information form the Student Council will go out in the next few weeks.

WORLD TEACHER’S DAY

Queensland state schools will celebrate World Teachers’ Day on Friday 28th 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. 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!

WATER

A reminder that students need to keep hydrated as the warm weather settles in around us. All students should have water bottles which they can keep in their room. This minimises disruption to learning with students requesting to get a drink. It is also imperative that students have hats and sunscreen to avoid unnecessary sun damage.
INDIVIDUAL ATTENDANCE REWARD

Students who reach at least 92% attendance for weeks 1 – 5 of this term (term 4) will be eligible to attend our individual attendance reward, which will be held Friday the 11th of November. Ensure that you are making EVERY DAY COUNT to receive an invitation.

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 that the street where you live determines where you are able to attend in 2017.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS SMOOTH THE WAY

It’s an exciting time for our Year 6 students who will move to high school in 2017. 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 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.

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.

ATTENDANCE

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Well done 1B and 2A with your nice dark green attendance rate of 96%. A very special mention to 3/4B with 90%. Great job, enjoy your special treat from Miss Johnson. Nice job from the senior school being in the green or close to. Those classes in red – you are missing too many days and this will affect your learning. Come on, I know you can do better.

Ms Karen Roome
Head of Student Services
Date Claimers

**October**
- 21st  School swimming
- 28th  Day for Daniel
- 28th  School swimming
- 28th  World Teachers day

**November**
- 3rd  Disco
- 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

![Student Awards Images]