Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last week was a busy week with lots of wonderful activities occurring in the school. On Friday Mrs Roome, Di Daniels and I travelled to Brisbane for the final interview in the Showcase Award.

Balaclava State School was the State Winner of The Showcase Award for Excellence in Community Engagement with their attendance program “Driving into the Green”. A great combined effort by all!

On Friday we celebrated World Teachers Day. Each year World Teachers Day acknowledges the hard work of our teachers and the dedication they have for the job each and every day. This year teachers received a badge with the words “Teachers create a world of opportunities – 2016”. The P&C and Teacher Aides put on a delicious morning tea for our teachers also to thank them.

We also celebrated Day for Daniel on Friday which reminded us of the importance of teaching our students protective behaviours. Parents, your children are precious. Teach them the strategies to keep them safe. Thank you to 5/6 B and the Student Council for organising the lunch time activities.

DISCO
This week the students will enjoy the mid-term disco put on by the P&C and the Student Council. The theme for this term is “Beach Party.” Flyers have gone home with further information. Just an added reminder – the disco is closed to students who do not attend this school. All parent are asked to be punctual when picking up their children.

END OF YEAR
As we head towards the end of another great year at Balaclava State School, I’d like to remind parents of the need for students to maintain their attendance until the last day of school. A number of activities are being planned that require student attendance and participation, along with our normal school routines including assessment and reporting. Student reports will be sent home on Thursday, 8th December.

CLASSES FOR 2017
We are about to start planning our classes for next year. If you are not intending to be with us next year, please let us know. Alternatively, if you know of a family who would like to enrol, please invite them to contact the office for an enrolment package and an appointment. We are growing rapidly and would like to be as prepared as possible for next year with the right number of teachers and the right number of classes.

Have a fantastic week!

Ms Jane Termaat
Principal
DEPUTY’S DESK

DEPUTY’S ABSENCE
During week 6 I will be in Sunshine Coast managing the under 12’s Peninsula cricket team at the state championships. While I am away Mrs Roome will be acting in my position. If you require any assistance please follow the normal procedure of contacting the office. I will return to school on the Friday of Week 7.

THE RUN HOME
2016 is quickly flying by and before we know it the school holidays will be upon us. In the final five weeks of the year we have many important things for students to do and I have listed them below:

• Final assessment pieces for all subject areas,
• Presentation night,
• Rugby Union Attendance award for students attending over 90% in the final term,
• Christmas concert,
• Swimming Program,
• 2017 NAPLAN Practice,
• Year 6 transition to high school.

As you can see we have a busy 5 weeks ahead of us so it is very important that all students are attending every day so they do not miss out.

Ms Michael Patane
Deputy Principal

SWIMMING THIS FRIDAY
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)

CONGRATULATIONS
Great job - Lataviah, Benjy, Joseph and Devontay. These students received a certificate and Grill’d Cairns voucher for being selected into peninsular teams.

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

WORLD TUCKSHOP DAY
This Friday 4th November is World Tuckshop Day we would like to thank our Tuckshop volunteers for their contribution in the school Tuckshop. Tuckshop Day recognises the great work of thousands of people across the state each and every school day. It also highlights the important role tuckshops play in school life by providing nutritious food and drinks to students.

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

UNIFORM PIZZA PARTY CHALLENGE
SSS (Shirts, Shorts and Shoes) - How the challenge works:
1. Every student in your class must have SCHOOL SHIRT, BLACK SHORTS and CLOSED IN SHOES!
2. Each student will earn a point for their class if they have the correct uniform on.
3. Points will be noted at 10.30am when the roll is marked.
4. If you are not at school you will not receive a point for your class and you will be disadvantaging your classmates!
5. Your teacher will track your class points on the chart at the front of your room. They will give you points out of the total number of students that are in your class Points at the end of week 9 will be marked as a percentage to keep it fair due to different class sizes
6. Remember to wear your uniform EVERYDAY!
7. The pizza party will be in week 10 - Good luck

WONDER OF LIVING PROGRAM
Natural Fertility Services will be delivering their “Wonder of Living Program” during week 7 at BSS. The personal development program will run for grades 1–6 over the course of 2 days (Tues 15 Nov & Thurs 17th Nov).

Parents and carers are invited to an information session on Monday 14th November at 2:45pm, providing the opportunity to assess the suitability of the program. Please RSVP for this session via the school office on 40815333.

Information has been sent home, please contact the office for further queries on 40815333.

WALKING BUS
Pick up points:
8am – The Shang St Park
8.05am – McEwen St Bridge
8.10am – Francis St Bridge
**INDIVIDUAL ATTENDANCE REWARD**

This is the last week to make it count!! 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.

**ROOKIES 2 REDS Attendance Reward**

Students who reach 90% individual attendance for weeks 5 – 9 of term 4 will receive the following Rookies 2 Reds goodies!
- Back pack
- Cap
- Football
- Air pump
- Lanyard

**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.

**PREP OPEN MORNING**

**ATTENDANCE**

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WOW, 3 classes tying for the top attendance. Great job to Prep B, 2A and 3/4A – You all receive a trophy. SPECIAL mention to 3/4B for an outstanding effort of 93%. Well done also to 4/5A, 5/6c and 1/2A. Come on Prep A, 1B and 2/3A you can do better than this.

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Wonderful Job from 2/3A with 95%, you won the trophy. Remember this week is included in the slip and slide reward for weeks 1 to 5 AND the Rookies 2 Reds sports pack for weeks 5 to 9. Make everyday count and be rewarded.

Ms Karen Roome
Head of Student Services
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![Image of students receiving awards]

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