Dear Parents and caregivers,

Well, another term has flown by with lots of interesting activities along the way. We have survived NAPLAN, had a disco, enjoyed an RCPCA visits, sung in the Eisteddfod, ran art workshops for a group of students, sent our year 6/7 students off to camp and worked hard to do our best in all things. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who have supported their children at home and in the classroom, and supported the teachers and the school in the many and varied ways that you do.

Your help on all levels is always noticed and appreciated. Thank you to all the staff for your hard work, your continued energy and dedication, and your continued efforts to improve teaching and learning on all levels.

CONGRATULATIONS CHOIR

On Tuesday our choir performed in the eisteddfod. Our little group were fantastic placing in every song section. A huge thank you to the music teacher, Ms Eddleston, who spent many additional hours preparing our group. Well done all of you.

END OF SEMESTER BREAK

This week is the last week of our first semester. School finishes for Semester 1 - TODAY! We recommences on Monday, July 14th. Please note that we do not have a student free day at the beginning of the term. I hope you have an enjoyable and safe break with your children.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards were sent out this week. While we have made every effort to ensure that they have gone out without errors, we are not infallible. Please contact us if undetected errors have gone out. Please take the time to read through the report card and feel free to contact your child’s teacher if you have any concerns.

FAMILIES LEAVING

All the best to families and students who are leaving us at the end of the week. Thank you for being a part of our school community.

HOLIDAY SECURITY

Please keep a watch on our school these holidays. With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

SWPBS – SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program is integral to the way that we manage the school. By focusing on and modelling positive behaviours we increase success amongst our students. To support this program, each week teachers focus on a specific social, emotional, or physical behaviour or manner. These lessons are revisited each week to reinforce our positive expectations.

Our 3 rules at Balaclava State School are: Respect, Responsibility and, Relationships. These 3 rules are the umbrella for all the

Date Claimers

Fri 27 Jun End of Term 2
Tue 01 Jul Operation Clean-Up
Mon 14 Jul Beginning of Term 3
The EMU (Educational Mobile Unit) has:

Saturday 28 June, from 10am to 2pm, to make the experience

Further improved outcomes. Why not pick up a book and join the challenge with your child?

G20 Cairns School Art Competition
Far North Queensland students from Prep to Year 12 are invited to create works of art which show their favourite things about Queensland and submit them in the G20 Cairns school art competition. The winning artworks will be used to produce a 50 metre by two metre mural that will be featured at the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting at the Cairns Convention Centre.

Head Lice Vigilance
Please check and treat your child’s hair for these pests during the holidays so we can all make a fresh start next term. If everyone treats them now we might be able to break the cycle. After initial treatment, check daily using conditioner and a lice comb for at least a week. Up-to-date information is available at the Qld Health website www.health.qld.gov.au/healthlice.

Breakfast Reading Program
The breakfast program will continue to run next term. Mondays and Thursday at 8 – 8:25am. Parents and caregivers are welcome to come along and read with their child or other children.

P&C Meeting - All Welcome
The next meeting on the 15th July at 5:15 in the school office. All parents are welcome to join the meetings, to share ideas, concerns, or simply to find out what is going on in our school.

Prep Enrolments for 2015
Please help us plan our staffing for children born between 1st July 2009 and 30th June 2010 are eligible to enrol for Prep here at Balaclava State School for NEXT YEAR. Birth certificates must be available on request or you can phone the ladies in the office on 40815333. Thank you to those families who have recently updated their information. Also, if your email address has changed please let us know as soon as possible so you can still receive the newsletter each week. A reminder that our weekly newsletter is also available on our website www.balaclvss.eq.edu.au.

Have you moved? Have you changed your home phone, work or mobile number? To help us get in contact with you should your child become sick or injured, please update your records at our office. We have forms available on request or you can phone the ladies in the office on 40815333. Thank you to those families who have recently updated their information. Also, if your email address has changed please let us know as soon as possible so you can still receive the newsletter each week. A reminder that our weekly newsletter is also available on our website www.balaclvss.eq.edu.au.

JANE’S JOTTINGS
Kids Helpline is Australia’s only free, private and confidential, telephone and online counselling service specifically for young people aged between 5 and 25. A useful telephone number for all children. 1800 55 1800.

Parentline QLD. Ph: 1300 30 1300 (cost of a local call) 8am to 10pm, 7 days a week.

I have read my newsletter!
Would you like the chance to win a free tuckshop for your child? Simply complete the form below, and hand it into the office no later than next Friday morning. The winner will be announced on parade next term.

The family (name) ___________________________________________ from year _________ has read the newsletter this week!

Parent signature: ___________________________________________