Principal’s Pen

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

STAFFING
I’d like to welcome Mr Patane to Balaclava State School as Deputy Principal while Mr Baranyi is away on sick leave. Mr Patane will be here with us until the end of the term. We wish Mr Baranyi a speedy recovery and hope he is back with us for term 4.

New Face in the Office
Just wanted to say a big thank you to the staff, students and community for making me feel welcome at Balaclava. For those who haven’t met me, my name is Michael Patane and I am filling in as Deputy Principal while Mr Baranyi is away. I am a Cairns local and have lived here my whole life. For the last two years I have worked at the Flexible Learning Centre in Cairns as a behaviour teacher and consultant. This role allowed me to work in multiple schools across the Far North Region to support teachers, students and families. If you see me around the school please come and say hello. I look forward to meeting you.

Mr Michael Patane

3 WAY CONFERENCES
Next week the teachers will be holding 3 way conferences in the Hall. All parents are invited to attend with their children. This is an opportunity to see how well their child is going at school, to ask questions, and say hello to your child’s teacher if you have not yet met them.

EVERYDAY COUNTS.
Congratulations to 1/2A, 2/3B, 3/4A and 5/6A for awesome attendance this week and also great to see some classes out of the red this week and into the yellow.

TODAY IS WORLD TEACHER AIDE DAY
Thank you, all our teacher aides for all you do each and every day to support our Balaclava students and teachers.

SCHOOLS SUPPORT STAFF RECOGNITION WEEK
Thank you Dolly, Tanya and Schrell in the office, Brian our groundsman, Pat our IT support and of course all of our wonderful teacher aides for the wonderful work you do each and every week. Without our fantastic support staff schools would not open! There would be no enrolments, no phones answered, no excursions or ovals freshly mown and safe, things would stay broken, computers would no longer be networked or effective educational tools, no school farms, no science experiments, no outdoor education and literally no lights on if the bills weren’t paid! School support staff are in many ways the unsung heroes of our school system. That’s why it is time to celebrate our school support staff. More to follow...

Jane Termaat
Principal

Date Claimers

9 Sept 3 Way Conference
19 Sept Last day of term 3
7 Oct First day term 4
20 Oct Pupil Free Day
Oct 24, 31 Swimming
Nov 7, 14, 21, 28 Swimming
Happy Father’s Day.......To all the Dads, Grand-dads, Great Grand-dads and all male carers.

As a father, you have a big impact on your children’s development. The most significant contribution you make is through you everyday interactions with your kids.

High quality interactions with your children happen when you do that little bit more than simply caring for them. Here are some ways to make ‘dad time’ even more special:

Talk to your children: Tell them stories and jokes.

Read to your children: Reading aloud with your children is a great way to spend time together.

Explain things: Point out things that are worth noticing or remembering - for example, a digger on a building site, or a cicada shell in the back yard. Explain how they work if your child has questions.

Spend time listening to your kids: Moments when your children have your exclusive attention are truly golden. If you stop what you are doing and give your child your full attention, you’re also giving a great boost to his development and self-esteem.

Be a good role model: Your child learns how to interact with others through her/his interactions with you.

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Centenary Celebrations 1914-2014

Dimbulah State School

Date: Saturday 27th September
Time: 10 am: Start with registration, memorabilia display, school tours
      11.30-1.30 Lunch
      1.30 pm: Official Opening, speeches and roll call
      3 pm: Capsule Opening and burial of new capsule, performances by students
      6 pm: Cutting of the Cake, BBQ tea and Entertainment
      7.30 pm: Fireworks followed by games on the oval.

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MAORI & PACIFIC ISLANDER WALK FOR LIFE 2014

5 or 10km walk/run
FREE family friendly event for all fitness levels

DATE: Saturday 27th September 2014
VENUE: Fogarty Park, Esplanade, Cairns
TIME: Register at 6am, for a 7am start
Register with The Good Start Program by 24th September
T: (07) 4226 4445 E: goodstart@health.qld.gov.au

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Check out our Library!

Our school Library is a hub of activity at lunch time and at recess each day. Although we have many and varied books on offer there is also plenty of activities to participate in, and many wonderful people to spend your time with! Every one is welcome to join in the fun on offer so come on over and try your hand at a creative endeavour or two... Feel free to come on down to relax with a book or a friend, use the computers for work or for fun, or head out to the activities tables for a laugh and play. Remember, this is your Library to use - and the more people who join in the merrier the good times get!