PARENTS AS ROLE MODELS FOR CHILDREN
As educators we know that modeling the behaviour we expect is very important. Children are extremely perceptive little people who watch and learn from everything we do. This is really important for parents to remember at all times.

If you cross the road wherever and whenever you like, your child(ren) will feel that this is appropriate. While we as adults have the perception necessary to gauge speed of approaching vehicles, time needed to safely cross, when danger is evident, our children do not.

If you don't wear a hat and put on sunscreen when you are outside, children will not see the need to do so either. All of the little things we do or don't do are under constant scrutiny from our children.

Why am I talking about this? At times, in the busyness of our lives, we lose sight of how important we are in forming the values and belief systems and behavioural patterns for our children.

Social behaviour and social norms are things that we, as responsible adults, need to model for our children. They are the basic fibre of our society and need to be learnt.

Our school responds to this through our expectations for children through our 3 R’s – RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and RELATIONSHIPS. We work hard to model and teach these things with our children because we believe that they constitute a realistic framework for children to develop under. We anticipate that you as parents support this at home and in the wider community as well. Some of the activities that reflect our beliefs about social norms and values include:

- ANZAC Day ceremony
- Playing the National Anthem on parade and standing respectfully while it is played/sung
- Student Council support for children in need (sponsorship) and charities.

These are just a few of the myriad of activities that go together to build responsible and respectful citizens of the future. We look forward to continuing this vital work with you and your children.
SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT
When the first bell rings at the end of playtime, it means –

• stop playing and walk to the toilet
• wash hands and get a drink
• walk to your lining up area and wait quietly and responsibly for your teacher to arrive.
• get yourself ready for your next session of learning.

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. I urge parents to support the school with this policy. Thank you.

2014–15 HOMEWORK CALENDAR FOR STUDENTS
The 2014–15 homework calendar for students is now available. The calendar can help students keep organised and up-to-date with key dates and school holidays.

WORLD TEACHER’S DAY STUDENT CHALLENGE
You could win money for our school
Students have the opportunity to win cash prizes for our school by taking part in the World Teachers’ Day student challenge. To enter, students, either individually or as a group, must create a digital product that expresses the theme: a teacher’s commitment to their students’ learning is inspirational. This could include a presentation using PowerPoint or Prezi, a poster, banner, animation or cartoons. You’ll need to get a move on as entries close Friday 10 October. For more information and to upload your entries go to the World Teachers’ Day student challenge website. http://www.qct.edu.au/wtd/studentchallenge/index.html

SOCIAL MEDIA ITEM
WARNING FOR STUDENTS ABOUT LOCATION TAGS
For Twitter
Students - be cautious about checking in or tagging your location on social media. Learn how to stay safe online at www.creepquiz.eq.edu.au

For Facebook
Students - be cautious about checking in or tagging your location on social media. Learn how to stay safe online at www.creepquiz.eq.edu.au

REMINDER - BOOK DONATIONS WANTED
After School Care is asking for donations of books for their book stall. All sorts of books wanted from text books, children’s books, love stories, fiction, non-fiction, fishing camping as many varieties that we can manage. If you have any books in good condition that you would like to donate please drop them off to Julie at After School Care.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2015
We have a number of prep students enrolled for next year already. This is fantastic for this time of year. Of course we have room for plenty more. Do you have a younger sibling due to enrol into Prep for 2015? Children born between 1st July 2009 and 30th June 2010 are eligible to enrol this term for Prep here at Balaclava State School. Birth certificates must be presented upon enrolment. Enquiries are most welcome on (07) 40813333

BREAKFAST READING
The breakfast reading program will continue this term with reading and breakfast available from 8 am until 8:30 each Monday and Thursday morning. Students who read 5 times each term will receive a McDonald’s voucher. We have Thursday morning. Students who read 5 times each term will receive a McDonald’s voucher. We have

DATES TO REMEMBER
20 Oct Pupil Free Day
24 Oct 1st Nov Swimming

More to follow
Jane Termaat
Principal

Save the date…. Sat 1st Nov
Come one, come all Bring your friends and family along for a wonderful afternoon and an exciting evening of fun and fanfare. Our P&C Association has worked very hard over many weeks to organise a Fete and Boot Sale for the Balaclava community.

This is a family fun day consisting of food, drinks, Wonderfair amusement rides and lots of children’s entertainment. We will have our famous cake stall and cent sale plus lots, lots more. Your child’s class will also be hosting a stall.

Join us from 2 pm thru till 6 pm here at BSS on Saturday 1st November for an afternoon of fun and frivolity!

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) ____________________________________________ has read the newsletter this week!

Parent signature: ____________________________________________

Prep Open Day....
Thursday 9 Nov saw our Prep classes throw open there doors to welcome next years new enrolments to Balaclava SS. A lovely morning was had by all who attended the Prep Open Day as Prep A, Prep B and Prep/L made 2013’s Prep students feel at home as they toured the school grounds and inspected the classrooms they will be in for the commencement of their educational career. A big thank you to our Prep students and their teachers for extending such a warm welcome to our new students and their families.

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Friday 10th October 2014

SWIMMING TERM 4

As part of the school’s Physical Education Program, your child will commence SWIMMING & WATER SAFETY lessons this term. These lessons are conducted at the WOREE POOL and will run each Friday from October 24th for 6 weeks (Week 3 to Week 8).

Students will travel to the pool by bus. Bus fare, cost of a Learn to Swim Coach and pool entrance fee for the 6 weeks will be $36.00. The cost of the Learn to Swim Program has been subsidised with the Fun Run Cross Country fundraised money to provide the lesson at more affordable price for all students.

The office is collecting money now. The payment period has been extended. Payments are due by the end of Week 2, Friday 17th October. The Permission and Medical Form needs to be completed and returned to your child’s class teacher.

All students will be travelling to the pool even if they are not swimming. If they are not swimming they will be given work to do. Students are required to return the permission note prior to the first swimming session.

Students must attend the swimming lessons as it is part of the PE Curriculum. Non attenders must have a note explaining why they will not be attending. Each Friday, students will require:

- A bag to store dry clothes
- Bathers/ shirt
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- (Don’t forget underwear if you wear your togs to school)

Students are encouraged to wear unsuitable swimming outfits in the pool and students with long hair are encouraged to wear a swimming cap. All students must wear a T-shirt over their bathers.

As the Swimming & Water Safety program is an important part of the curriculum, it is expected ALL students, regardless of ability, will attend all lessons. The program attempts to cater for all ability levels, from the beginning swimmer developing basic skills in the water, to the more advanced swimmer whose skills can be extended through life saving and survival activities. ALL students need exposure to swimming, survival and rescue activities if they are to become competent in different situations in the water. If your child is unable to attend swimming for some reason please provide a note telling us why they will be unable to attend the 6 week swimming program.

Thanks
Kate Movley (PE Teacher)