We had a great time together on Saturday! November 1 saw Balaclava SS hold its first fete for a few years, and what a day it was. The littlies had face painting and the petting zoo when they weren’t making pet rocks and creating artworks with Michelle, Katie and Elizabeth; our team at Prep, or decorating cupcakes and biscuits with Yasanne. Other activities included ‘fishing’ for ducks with Niquita, guessing competitions and raffles with Genevieve, hundred’s boards and lucky dips along with a huge cake sale hosted by Louise, Toni and Karen. The crazy hair and nail art stall proved to be a favourite for all age groups with many people sporting unusual hair styles and do’s created by Jana and Sue. A big thank you to the Sri Lankan Ethnic School, Brad Hope Martial Arts and our very own orchestra for entertaining the crowds and to the Cairns Kennel Club for the demonstrations by members and their canines.

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Principal's Pen continued....
Bentley State College - Year 6 December 3rd, Year 7 December 4th
Cairns State High - Year 6 December 9th, Year 7 December 10th

OFF TO HIGH SCHOOL - A major transition
The end of primary school marks a major transition in your child's life. It's a time for reflection on what your child has experienced and learnt during their primary school years – perhaps wondering where the years have gone.

Many parents have concerns about the changes that the next year will bring. After all, your child will be entering a new environment, with new and greater expectations, especially academically.

You may already have visited your child's new school and met or spoken to their new teachers. You may have even looked at purchasing new school uniforms, books and equipment, including calculators, laptops and other items your child will need for their schooling next year.

What you can do
At secondary school there will be many opportunities for you to continue to take an active part in what your child is learning at school. Show your child that you are there to help and support them by listening and offering suggestions.

One way to help is by building your child's confidence. You can do this by openly acknowledging the things they do well. They don't have to have done anything particularly special; telling your child that you value them and appreciate their qualities – like how well they help around the house or how thoughtful they are – will go a long way to building and maintaining your child's confidence. Talk to your child about going to secondary school as often as you think is needed over the summer holidays. Ask your child what they think it will be like. Do they expect they'll have more homework? Will they learn more?

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) 40813533

BREAKFAST READING
The breakfast reading program will continue this term with reading and breakfast available from 8 am to 8:30 each Monday and Thursday morning. Students who read 5 times will receive a McDonald's voucher. We have approximately 15 – 20 students who turn up each day for this program but all are welcome.

ARE YOU LEAVING US?
If you are leaving Balaclava State School at or near the end of the year please notify our office on 40813533. This action assists us with our class numbers and staffing for 2015. Thank you for your cooperation.

SLIP SLOP SLAP!
Just a reminder to slip, slop, slap as the weather heats up. It's just as important, if not more so, when the weather is cloudy. Please drink lots of water, wear your hats and slip, slop, slap!

FIRST AID FOR A KNOCKED OUT TOOTH – QLD HEALTH
If a permanent tooth is knocked out, it can be saved but immediate action is needed. Keep the patient calm. Find the tooth and pick it up by the crown (the top part of the tooth)