The intervention classes are proving to be very popular amongst the students at Balaclava, as the smiles in these photos go to show! Ms Kylie, Ms Browning, Ms Linda, Ms Elaine and Ms Fiona work daily to inspire creativity and fun with learning; and hopefully a lifelong passion for education and self belief for the students in their charge. Once again, indicated by the comments on this page, the speed trials seem to be one of the most popular aspects of the intervention class.

Adel 5/6A: I am from the Philippines and I think intervention helps me speak English.

Greg 2/3B: On Fridays we get prizes sometimes, if we come every day and be good. I write stuff with Ms Browning and I like sounding out.

Laaleza 2/3B: It helps me get smarter! I like going to intervention and doing sight words.

Paulo 4/5A: I am from East Timor and speak Indonesian and Portuguese, so intervention helps me to speak and read English much better.

Jimmy 2/3A: I love intervention because of the speed tests and the prizes!

Chantelle 2/3B: I love learning the words.

Ashlyn 1/2A: I like going up in the levels and getting better at reading.

David 2/3A: I like to learn how to read better at intervention.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

ATTENDANCE
Prep/1 : 5 days absent in the whole week  96%
5/6A : 11 days absent in the whole week  92%

PREP/3 you are the champion attendance class at the moment, this is your fifth week in a row for over 90%
When you have a day off you let your class down. Let’s make a real effort to see more green in the last 5 weeks of the school year.

END OF YEAR
As we head towards the end of another great year at Balaclava State School, could I 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 Wednesday, 10th December.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS SMOOTH THE WAY
It’s an exciting time for both our Year 6 and Year 7 students who will move to high school in 2015. No matter where your child will attend high school, taking part in open events, information evenings and orientation or taster days is an important step toward a smooth transition between primary and secondary education.

2015 CLASS ORGANISATION
It is crucial for us to have the most accurate enrolment information possible to ensure a smooth start to the new school year for all of our children. Please contact the office with any information that will help us to get your numbers right. Information provided to the school is regarded as confidential and is used only to help us determine the best possible class arrangements for the children of the school. Help us to make the start of school year the best it can be.

SPECIAL PARADE NEXT FRIDAY - CELEBRATING READING AND BEHAVIOUR
On Friday we are having a special parade. Mr Gavin King (Local Member) will come to hand out Premier Reading certificates and medallions for behaviour. We have invited some Media to share our great story. This is a way to celebrate the reading improvements we have made this year due to the Great Results Guarantee funding we received at the beginning of the year. We will also be handing out our Gold medallions to our students who have received his Gold awards through our “Busteds” reward program. Please wear your full uniform so we look.
For a sneak peek of the TVC go to http://youtu.be/Zw47iwxHiyE

Jane’s Jottings….

Building Resilience
From resilience perspective parents need to coach kids through some of their more challenging moments and reviewing what they may have learned for next time. Avoid solving all their problems for them. You can promote a lasting sense of resilience in your kids by:

- Having a positive attitude yourself. Your attitude as a parent impacts on their ability to bounce back from some of the difficulties they face. Make sure you model a ‘you can do it’ attitude for your child when he meets some of life’s curve balls.
- Look for teachable moments. Many kids’ learning opportunities are squandered as problems. Make the most of these opportunities so that kids can grow and learn from some of the challenges they face.
- Make kids active participants in the family. Active participation in a family develops the self-assurance, goal setting, problem-solving and independence skills of kids that are necessary for resilience.
- Build kids coping skills. There are plenty of strategies you can pass on to kids to help them cope when life doesn’t go their way, including acceptance, getting away for a while and normalisation.

Promoting resilience in kids is not a single event but a continuous process that requires adults to be supportive and empathetic when things don’t go their way. It also requires you as a parent to have an understanding of resilience; so you have faith in yourself and your child’s ability to cope. Michael Gernon

School wide Positive Behaviour Support

T - is it True?
H - is it Helpful?
I - is it Important?
N - is it Needed?
K - is it Kind?

QUEENSLAND WILL BE TALKING FAMILIES FROM NOVEMBER

Parenting is hard and with life getting busier, the pressure on families is growing. On 2 November, the Queensland Family and Child Commission will be launching a public education campaign “Talking Families” to encourage parents and families to talk about the pressures of parenting and to seek and accept help when they need it.

The six-week TV ad campaign is part of the Queensland Government’s wide-reaching child protection reforms that aim to refocus efforts on early intervention and strengthening families so that more children can remain at home safely. Principal Commissioner Steve Armitage said research with struggling families showed they were reluctant to seek and accept help because of pride or for fear of being judged as a bad parent.

“We want to change this perception. Everyone struggles from time to time and we want parents and families to know that it’s normal and it’s okay to talk about with friends and family and ask for help when it’s needed,” he said.

“We don’t want parents to feel alone. In addition to support from their immediate networks, there is also an enormous amount of help available from support services in the community.”

The TV ad campaign, which will be supported by an online strategy, will run from 2 November to the start of the school holidays, a traditionally busy and stressful time for families.

Mr Armitage said while the campaign was a positive step in the right direction, changing how parents and families feel won’t happen overnight and we want parents and families to know that it’s normal and it’s okay to talk about the pressures of parenting and characterization activities and then perform in front of a live audience with costumes, sets, props, sound effects, live projections and theatrical lighting!!

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FREE MOCKY CLINIC
Who: boys/girls aged 4-14yrs
When: Saturday 8th, 15th & 22nd Nov from 8:30 - 9:45am
Where: Turf Field, Cris Hockey Grounds, Rutherford St, Nth Cairns
Bring: Sandshoes, hat, water bottle, sunscreen & mozzie repellent
Contact: Michelle gilbo@bigpond.net.au or 0418 183 989

More to follow,
Jane Ternaat
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER
- Swimming Nov 22 & 28
- P&C meeting Nov 18
- Trinity Bay High School - Year 6 December 9th
- Woree State High School - Year 7 December 10th
- Bentley State College - Year 7 December 3rd
- Cairns State High School - Year 6 December 9th

GENERAL NOTICES

JNR BADMINTON – CAIRNS BADMINTON BUDDIES
What: ‘Baddy Buddies’ ages 5-8yrs on Weds from 3:45-4:45pm & ‘Pure Baddy’ ages 9-12yrs Weds from 4:15-5:15pm
Contact: Warwick on 0418 398 414

MARLIN COAST SWIMMING & FITNESS
Where: Marlin Coast Swimming & Fitness, Leisure Park Rd Smithfield
Contact: 6057 7328 or Lizzie 0497 856 306
Who: All Fitness levels & ages

TYC SUMMER DRAMA PROGRAMS
This Summer School Holidays spin along to TYC for their 4-Day Drama Performance Programs. Delve into the mysterious realm of Roald Dahl with Devious Dahl (8/12 - 11/12), or join Elia, Ana and her friends on a Frozen quest with a fairy tale twist (14/12 - 19/12). Or why not battle it out and discover The Origins in Marvel vs Transformers (6/1 - 9/1), then take up the challenge and solve the mystery in The Classic Tale of Hugh Dunlop (13/1 - 16/1). And finally unravel the futuristic dystopian time-sphere of The Runner (20/1 - 23/1) where one choice can change you! Special guests artists Hayley Gillespie, Keeacha Mclean and Amelia Pegrum. Learn the essentials of stage performance through improvisation, role-play and characterization activities and then perform in front of a live audience with costumes, sets, props, sound effects, live projections and theatrical lighting!!

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Hats & Shoes
Last Monday we implemented our ‘no hat, no play’ policy and it was very pleasing to see nearly every student out in the playground with a hat on their head and shoes on their feet. We also saw a major reduction in behaviour problems and all the students were returning to class on time when the bell rang. Well done Balaclava State School!

Michael Patane Deputy Principal

From the Deputy….

Skoolbag App for Our School
Our School is conducting trial our own Skoolbag iPhone App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are trialing the iPhone version for 30 days, if we continue with the App after the trial we will then get the Android version in the Google Play Store. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag App. To install it, just look for our school name “Bal aclava State School” in the Apple App Store, and install it on your iPhone.”

Student’s of the Week

At Balaclava
Every Day
Counts!
Week 5

On the 30th of October, Balaclava State School held a Day for Daniel. The student leaders and captains gathered in the hall to give various safety talks to the younger students. This included: internet safety tips, family safety tips, and to recognise, react and report.

Students had the chance to complete some safety activities such as: find-a-words, colouring sheets and mazes. The students watched short mini movies on how they can stay safe in public outings and learnt about creating family passwords, to help them stay safe.

All the students were encouraged to wear the colour red and all funds raised were donated to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. For more information on safety tips visit the Daniel Morcombe website at www.DanielMorcombe.com.au