Dear Parents and Caregivers,
The school holidays are fast approaching with only 6 days until Good Friday. Please ensure your child is at school learning every day until then. We will recommence our learning on the 20th of April.

All the students who have attended school for 95% of the time, or more, this term will be rewarded with a super cool slide on the first day back. How disappointing if your child missed out?

3 WAY CONFERENCES
Thank you to all of the parents who supported their child by attending the 3 way conferences yesterday. If you were unable to attend but would like to meet with your child’s teacher to find out about their progress, then please contact your child’s teacher to make an appointment. Working together goes a long way towards achieving positive results.

BOOK FAIR
Thank you to the parents and students who supported the Book Fair on Tuesday by purchasing books. A competition was held last week for all students who were BUSTED for reading. A lucky draw was held for each class. The names of the lucky winners will be published in the next newsletter.

P&C UPDATE
Last week we held our P&C AGM. A warm thank you to the outgoing committee members – Michelle Appo and Chiquita Tombs- for their work last year and the previous years. We welcome the incumbent executive team; Sally Billing who was nominated for the position of President and Shiree Eddleston who was nominated for the Treasurer’s position, and Julie Jose who was nominated for Vice President. The position of secretary is still vacant. If you are interested in nominating for this position then please see me. The team will support anyone who accepts this role. If this position is not filled then we do not have a fully functioning P&C.

Please support your child and the school and consider the positives of becoming an active P&C member.

PARADE CHANGES TERM 2
Next term we will be moving our assemblies to Tuesday afternoon at 2pm – 2:30pm. This means that parents who are collecting children in the afternoon may like to come a little earlier so they can hear the messages of the week. This change is the result of viewing the lost learning times in the mornings. Students work at their optimum in the mornings when they are fresh and we would like to capture this as best we can. All parents are welcome to attend.

CROSS COUNTRY/FUN RUN
Fundraising has now commenced for the Whole School Fun Run to be held on Thursday 2nd April 2015. Start collecting donations now for your chance to earn great prizes! All funds raised will go towards purchasing new sporting equipment for our school.

Have a great week,

Ms Jane Termaat
Principal
ANZAC DAY AND COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

On Friday 24th of April – that’s the first Friday after the holidays – we will be holding a COMMUNITY BREAKFAST prior to the ANZAC day commemorative service. The service will pay tribute to our past and present service men that fought/fight so bravely for our country. It also will recognise and acknowledge the 100 years since the landing on the shores of Gallipoli.

“It was on 25 April 1915 that the armies of Australia and New Zealand entered into their premier battle of the First World War, at Gallipoli, Turkey. At the time, Australia had only been recognised as a federal commonwealth for thirteen years. Many Australians were sympathetic to the United Kingdom, which they regarded as the motherland. So the volunteer armies of Australian and New Zealand, eager to fight the good fight in the war, bravely landed on the shore of the Gallipoli Peninsula with the intent to capture and secure a safe passage for Allied navies.” Source: http://publicholidays.com.au/anzac-day/

AWSOME ATTENDANCE

The school average for the year to day is 90.7% which is fantastic when we compare this to last year’s data but we can do better. Mondays and Fridays are still the days which record the lowest attendance. Please make sure your child attends every day.

“Come on Mondays, they are fun days You shouldn’t even miss one day. Fridays are just as cool

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Super Job this week Balaclava, NO RED! 1/2A you have done a fantastic job with only 3 days away for the whole week. You guys are this week’s champions. I am so proud of you! Icy poles this week to Prep A, 1A, 1/2A, 2A, and 5/6B.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2016

Do you have a younger sibling due to enroll into Prep for 2016? Children born between 1st July 2010 and 30th June 2011 are eligible to enroll in Term 2 for Prep here at Balaclava State School in 2016. Birth certificates and immunisation records must be produced.

JANE’S JOTTINGS

Primary school teachers are responsible for many different jobs and teach a range of different subjects. But they are not responsible for everything to do with your child. They are not qualified doctors, speech therapists or nutritionists so please try not to take offence if they refer your child to someone with more specific knowledge.

TOP 10 TIPS FOR PARENTS

2. Give your child lots of physical affection – children often like hugs, cuddles, and holding hands.

PARENT TRAPS

The leave them alone trap occurs in combination with the criticism trap and involves the parent simply ignoring their child when they are behaving well or playing quietly. If good behaviour is taken for granted and not actively encouraged it will occur less often in the future and is likely to be replaced with the misbehaviour that receives so much attention. A basic principle of positive parenting is the praising and rewarding of behaviours you would like to see more often.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

This year we are looking forward to continuing our journey with School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS), which is the framework we employ to ensure a safe and nurturing environment for our students, staff and parents. We have three school rules – Respect, Responsibility and Relationships (The 3 R’s). Each fortnight we explicitly teach our expectations for behaviour in various contexts through role-plays, discussion and practice, and students are recognised and positively reinforced when they demonstrate the appropriate behaviour.

This fortnight our FOCUS SKILL is: Dealing with Anger

✔️ Stop and take a deep breath
✔️ Talk about how you feel
✔️ Stay Calm and In Control
✔️ Think and choose the best way to act

LUNCH

Please ensure that your child has a healthy lunch every day. A large number of students are coming to school without food. Students need to have eaten breakfast in the morning, have lunch and a snack for the afternoon break. Without food your child cannot do his/her best at school.
BULLYING NO WAY
A reminder to all parents and students that at Balaclava we have a no tolerance policy on physical abuse or bullying. Students breaching this policy run the risk of being suspended as well missing out on extra-curricular activities such as camp and interschool sport days. Please remind your child if they are experiencing any bullying to contact a teacher. We thank you for your support on this matter.

FREE DENTAL CARE
• All Qld school aged children from 4 years to completion of Year 10.
• All Qld children aged between 2-17 years who receive Family Tax Benefit A (Child Dental Benefits Schedule) or have a current pension/concession card.

When arranging an appointment, dental staff will be happy to include other eligible children in your family. Please bring your Medicare Card to your appointment
Contact your nearest clinic for an appointment
Van 173 0418 716 687
Van 188A 0407 599 670
Van 141A 0412 059 394

HATS
As of this week students are not permitted to wear caps and are required to wear a broad brimmed hat. Our Sun Smart policy stipulates bucket or broad-brimmed hats. Students who do not have appropriate hat wear will not be permitted to play. Hats are available from the Tuck-shop for $8. It is highly recommended that your child’s name is inscribed on their hat!

Wear your hat every day, ‘No hat’ means you cannot play, Keep it on ‘til half past two, Our safety rule applies to you.

LIVE WELL WITH ASThma
Are you or someone you care for living well with asthma? If you:
• wake up coughing, wheezing or breathless
• struggle to keep up with normal activity,
• use your blue reliever puffer more than three times a week,
• are unsure about the way your medications can work best for you.

These are all signs your asthma is not well controlled or signs you are not living well with asthma. If your asthma is limiting your quality of life, Asthma Foundation Qld invites you to join us for a free one hour Live Well with Asthma workshop. To register please call Asthma Assist on 1800 645 130 or visit http://www.asthmafoundation.org.au/QLD/Courses_for_the_community.aspx
Where: Cairn City Library, 151 Abbott St
When: Tuesday 10th March from 10—11am

REMINDER - WEATHER
While we do not currently face any cyclone threats, I have included information for you today which you may like to keep should things change in the near future.

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CYCLONE PROCEDURES
Upon a cyclone warning, parents are advised to listen to the radio re possible school closures.

♦ Should a cyclone threat emerge unexpectedly during the school day, parents may be advised at short notice by radio of impending school closures. We will ensure that appropriate supervision is maintained until all students are collected from school.
♦ Be prepared when school re-opens to send your child/ren to school with their own drinking water and lunches.
♦ It is possible our tuckshop may not be open immediately after.

LIFE EDUCATION

!!!EXCITING NEWS!!!
The Life Education Team and Harold the Giraffe will be visiting: Balaclava State School From Wednesday 25th March to Tuesday 31st March 2015.

Life Education motivates and empowers young people to make smart life choices for a healthy future.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
For all our new and existing families we would like to inform you that we have limited vacancies for children to enrol at our after school care. We can have your child in full time after school care for as little as $22.40 per week. This includes all afternoon tea and at home activities. For families who would like to have per day this can be as little as $5.06. Limited Vacancies. For additional information please contact Julie on 4054911 or mobile 0408 741 867.

QSCHOOLS APP
Stay in touch with the QSchools app

The QSchools app now allows for push notifications to deliver essential information directly to a device including emergency alerts and important updates. Find out more on the DETE apps page, http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/index.html
!!STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!!

Congratulations to our students! Great work!

!!BRONZE AWARDS!!

!!BULLYING NO WAY!!!

Bullied
Sometimes I get bullied. Sometimes I am a bully. Sometimes people have to think about their actions. To understand what I should do, I have two options, don’t be a bully and get on with learning or agree with anti-bullying and make good choices. This is my vision of anti-bullying.

Sashia Yr4/5A

SCHOOL WATCH

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.

SPELLING BEE

On the 14th March, Balaclava State School entered a year 6 team into a spelling bee at Mt Sheridan Shopping Centre. The people on our team were Jemma, Molly and Kelli. We had a problem deciding who was going to be the captain but eventually we chose Molly as our captain. We had to spell some very difficult words but in the end Isabella State School won the heat. We had a great experience being in this competition.

Written by Jemma, Molly and Kelli

FUN RUN

We will be conducting a Cross Country Fun Run on Thursday 2nd April (last day of Term 1). Family support is most appreciated. Students have received a sponsorship form with a selection of over 70 prizes to choose from. Students who raise only $10 or more in donations will be entitled to a prize of their choice.

Also on offer is a 2GB MP3 player for the highest fundraising student and a free surprise party for the highest fundraising class. Each student will also receive a Berri Quelch frozen juice stick on the day of the event. Each student/family also has the chance to win a family holiday simply by raising $10 or more.

Please cut out the ‘how to claim your prize section’ on the sponsorship form and return along with your monies to the School Office on or before Friday 27th March. Please be sure to fill out your prize request. The individual prizes will be delivered shortly after.

Daniel Samanes (PE Teacher)

TUCKSHOP NOTICE

Please do not ask for credit as refusal often offends.
**Taipans Skills Camp**
Who: Higher level club players and rep players U12-U14 age groups
What: High level skills and drills camp When: Tue 7th and Wed 8th April 9am – 3pm
Where: Cairns Basketball Inc. 289 Aumuller Street, Manunda QLD 4870
Cost: $110 per participant
Includes: 8 hours of personalised coaching from high level coaches and players, visit from CQUniversity Cairns Taipans players, home skill pack and morning tea
BYO: Basketball, water bottle, lunch

**Autumn Snakes Holiday Camp**
Who: Boys and Girls aged 8-12 years old
What: Skills and drills, fun and games!
When: Fri 10th April 9am – 3pm
Where: Cairns Basketball Inc. 289 Aumuller Street, Manunda QLD 4870
Cost: $55 per participant
Includes: 5 hours of basic skills & drills, fun and games with CQUniversity Development Coach and Players, Taipans camp pack and morning tea
BYO: Basketball, water bottle, lunch

**Taipans Sharp Shooter Camp**
Who: Boys and Girls aged 8-14 years old
What: 1 day shooting camp. drills/tests.
When: Monday 13th April 9am – 3pm Cairns
Where: Basketball Inc. 289 Aumuller Street, Manunda QLD 4870
Cost: $70 per participant
Includes: 4 hours of personalised coaching from high level coaches and players. Testing, video analysis of your shooting technique, individual feedback session on areas to improve, home shooting pack and morning tea
BYO: Basketball, water bottle, lunch

**UNDERSTANDING BEHAVIOUR**
What: A step by step guide for parents with a child Under 7 with ASD
When: 26th May from 9am to 3pm
Where: Cairns Early Years Centre, Bentley Park College
Cost: Free. Childcare not provided but lunch & light refreshment is.
Contact: workshops@autismqld.com.au to register

**EarlyAQtion RESPITE**
Do you need some time for yourself or have an appointment booked? Experienced staff can look after your child with ASD on Thursdays & Fridays from 9am to 2pm.
Who: Children under 7yrs registered with Autism Qld.
Cost: $20 per hr or $80 for 5hrs (minimum of 2hrs)
Where: Autism Qld Centre of Excellence, 15-17 Marr St, Edmonton
Contact: 4034 6600 or email cairns@autismqld.com.au

**ROOKIES 2 REDS RUGBY @ FSS**
When: Tues, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st March from 3-4pm
Where: Freshwater State School
What: Professional coaching for 5wks
Who: 5-7yrs & 8-9yrs
Cost: $60 includes family pass to Reds home game plus pack etc
Contact: 1300 753 733 or register www.rookies2reds.com.au

**LITTLE LIFESAVERS @ CAIRNS ESPLANADE**
Term 1: Saturdays from 14th Feb to 28th March from 8:15 to 10am
Holidays: Mon 13th to Fri 17th April from 8-10am. No Wednesdays
Term 2: Saturdays from 18th to 6th June from 8:15 to 10am
Cost: Holiday session $85 inc rashy. Term sessions $150 inc rashy.
Contact: 4049 1201 or rdavidson@lifesaving.com.au

**EarlyAQtion SOCIAL SKILLS**
What: Program to develop social skills in children with ASD
Who: Children aged between 7-9yrs. Bookings essential.
Where: Autism Qld Centre of Excellence, 15-17 Marr St, Edmonton
Contact: 4034 6600 or email cairns@autismqld.com.au

**“HELP”, I’ve got a Teenager**
HELP course for people with children twelve years and older. The course runs for six weeks with two and a half hour session held weekly. Build a better relationship with your teen.
Where: UnitingCare Community, 188 Aumuller Street. Bungalow
When: Thursdays, May 7 – June 11, 2015
Time: 5.30pm to 8.00 pm
Cost: $60.00 per participant or parent couple
Course includes weekly handouts and tea/coffee
All enrolments and enquiries please phone 4050 4955

**Trinity Bay SHS proudly presents**
**POPSTARS**
**THE 90's MUSICAL**

When: Thursday, 28th May 2015
Where: Cairns Civic Theatre
Who: Years 4 – 6 students
Time: 11am – 1pm
Cost: $5 per student, teachers FREE
Date Claimers

March
- 25th Life Education Van Visit
- 26th Life Education Van Visit
- 27th Life Education Van Visit
- 30th Life Education Van Visit
- 31st Life Education Van Visit

April
- 2nd Last day of term 1
- 3rd Good Friday
- 6th Easter Monday
- 20th First day of term 2
- 24th Community Breakfast
- 25th Saturday - ANZAC Day

May
- NAPLAN - National Testing for year 3, 5 & 7
- 12th Language conventions and Writing tests
- 13th Reading
- 14th Numeracy
- 19th P&C Meeting

*Fun Run is coming... Thursday 2nd April!!!*