Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Thank you to all the parents who have provided support to the school this term ensuring that their child has been: ready for learning, coming every day, having a healthy lunch, getting homework done, and wearing a uniform including hats and shoes. Thank you also to the parents who have maintained open and healthy communication with the staff of the school. Together we all achieve more.

Next term will be very busy as we count down towards NAPLAN. Our focus for the first three weeks back will be on Reading, Writing, Grammar and Punctuation, Spelling and Numeracy. Please talk to your child about the importance of these tests, especially if they are in year 3 & 5. More information about NAPLAN will be published after the holidays.

95% REWARD
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?

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. !!TOMORROW!! !!TOMORROW!!

KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THESE HOLIDAYS
With the holidays approaching, we need you to keep an eye out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88. If you do see something suspicious, call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community. You are also able to report school crime and vandalism to the Police Hot Line -131444

P&C UPDATE
We welcome the new executive team;
President: Sally Billing,
Treasurer: Shiree Eddleston,
Vice President: Julie Jose,
Secretary: TBA

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

!!!Next Meeting: First Tuesday 21st April Term 2!!!

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.

Have a great week,

Ms Jane Fermanat
Principal

www.balaclavss.eq.edu.au

Great state. Great opportunity.
ANZAC DAY AND COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

On Friday 24\textsuperscript{th} 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.

Part 2
At Gallipoli, the Anzacs faced off with one of the fiercest armies history has ever known. Despite landing under the cover of darkness, the Anzacs were met with immediate bombardment and gunfire. On the shores of Gallipoli, the Australian and New Zealand armies fought for eight months forcing a stalemate. Eight thousand Anzac soldiers lost their lives before the Allies called for an evacuation.

While the operation itself was not a success, the valour and determination shown by Anzacs, the “Knights of Gallipoli,” were immediately commemorated in Australia, London, and even at the Allies’ camp in Egypt in 1916. Parades and ceremonies were held in their honour, and even those who were wounded in combat were a part of the parade while they were still recovering. By the 1920s, the day had become a way to memorialise the sixty thousand Australian soldiers who died in the First World War. By the next decade, all Australian states had a form of celebration for Anzac Day, and many of the traditions we still carry out today had already taken shape. Forevermore, the 25th of April would be known as the day Australia arrived as a force in the world.


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.

BULLYING INFORMATION

A number of parents and students have reported incidents of bullying which has prompted me to provide this article for you this week.

What is Bullying?
Bullying is repeated incidents involving:
- A bigger, stronger or more powerful child on a smaller or weaker child, or
- A group of children on a single child.

These might be:
- Verbal: the child is called names, put down, threatened.
- Physical: the child is hit, tripped, poked, kicked, or belongings are stolen or damaged.
- Social: the child is left out, ignored, or rumours are spread.
- Psychological: the child is stalked or given dirty looks.

Bullying is different from ordinary teasing, rough-and-tumble or schoolyard fights. What makes it different is that the incidents are ongoing, and there is usually an imbalance of size, strength and power between the children involved. The bully might have power not only because he or she is bigger and stronger, but because other children side with the bully often to protect themselves.

Research shows:
- Boys are more often bullied by a single individual; girls more often by groups. There is not much difference between the number of boys and girls who suffer from bullying.
- The size of the school, or whether the school is single-sex or co-educational or government or non-government, makes no significant difference to the amount of bullying that goes on.
- Children are most often bullied when they are in their first few years of primary school and again in their first few years of secondary school.

BIG BREAKFAST

Our term 2 BIG BREAKFAST will be held on the morning of the ANZAC Parade. We will start serving breakfast at 7:45 am and stop at 8:45. A gold coin per person is all that is asked.
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. The school’s goal is to ensure that every child attends every day. We aim to have 95% attendance for every child. This means that your child should only miss 10 days or less in a year.

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

Term 1 – Wk 9 Average 90%

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Congratulations to 1/2A, 3/4A and 5/6B – You kept the whole school in the green this week with your great class attendance –THANKYOU. Icy poles are coming your way today. 1/2A and 4/5A icy poles for you too!

Don’t forget the special prize for every student who comes to school every day this week.

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

TUCKSHOP NOTICE

Please do not ask for credit as refusal often offends.

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.

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

"Fun Run !!TOMORROW!!" „Fun Run !!TOMORROW!!” “Fun Run !!TOMORROW!!” “Fun Run !!TOMORROW!!”
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.

**Book Fair Competition Winners**
Congratulations to our winners of the Book Fair competition;
Deacon Snell 2/3A, Nomis Fidow 1A, Alan Joseph Prep B, Sanau Buie 3/4A, Ruta Tihopu-Vinkki 5/6A, Raquel Elliot Prep1 A, Tahirihiri Marsters 1/2A

**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 40545911 or mobile 0408 741 867.

**Q SCHOOLS 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.

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!!**

**ELIMINATE DENGUE PROGRAM**
The Eliminate Dengue research program is developing a natural and safe method to reduce the spread of dengue. They release mosquitoes that carry Wolbachia, a type of naturally occurring bacteria that, when present in the Aedes aegypti mosquito, reduce its ability to transmit dengue. In 2015, we will be working in the suburbs of Manunda, Manoora, Moorooobool, Earlville and Woree, and areas of Westcourt and Bungalow. We will share more information about our research over the coming weeks through our website (www.eliminate dengue.com/cairns), local media and email updates. Please contact us on 1800 811 054 if you have any questions or concerns.

Geoff Wilson
Field trial manager, Eliminate Dengue

**LIFE EDUCATION**

***THANK YOU LIFE EDUCATION!!!***
The Life Education Team and Harold the Giraffe visited the Balacalava State School From Wednesday 25th March to Tuesday 31st March 2015.
Our students were motivated and empowered and learnt how to make smart life choices for a healthy future.
PREP B NEWS
Prep B enjoyed their weekly dentist visits over the last five weeks of this term.
We have learnt about the importance of washing our hands properly to get rid of germs. The children were shown how to brush their teeth to keep them clean and healthy. We also learnt about good foods that help our teeth and bodies and the foods that cause damage to them due to their high sugar content.

GENERAL NOTICES
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: 1300753733 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

PEACH ‘Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health’ program
Fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of every-day life. It is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight their age.
It consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each in Edge Hill Primary School. The first 9 sessions are held weekly within the school term.
Ongoing individualised family support is offered through the second half of the program ending with one final group session. If you would like more information please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.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
Uniting Care Community Family Support 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

April
2nd  Last day of term 1
3rd  Good Friday
6th  Easter Monday
20th First day of term 2
21st  !!!P&C Meeting!!!
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

June
8th  Queen’s Birthday Holiday
16th  P&C Meeting
18th  School Photos NQ School Photography
24th  Report Cards go home
26th  Last day of term 2