Dear Parents and Caregivers,
The great work and great behaviour is continuing across the school. Well done to the students who are working hard each and every day. Education Queensland’s motto of “Every Child Succeeding, Every Day” is what we focus on at Balaclava State School. We want our Balaclava students to stand out from the rest of the students in the Region by:
• coming every day,
• wearing their uniform with pride,
• being focussed in class every day so that they can learn to the best of their ability,
• following our 3 R’s, and
• being a great role model for others.
The high expectations that we have of our students means that we know that our students can do, and achieve, these things.

NAPLAN tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information, but there are no consequences for individual students for poor or good performance. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress. In 2015, NAPLAN tests will be held from 12th to 14th May for Years 3 and 5 students. Information specifically for parents and carers can be found on the 2015 NAPLAN website http://www.nap.edu.au/ The website answers many questions parents and carers may have in relation to NAPLAN.

If you have any queries please see your child’s teacher or come and see me. We are happy to answer your questions.

DON’T BE AWAY, COME EVERY DAY
EVERY DAY COUNTS AT OUR SCHOOL
Our school encourages all parents and members of our community to support the “Every Day Counts” message,
• all children should be enrolled and attend school on every school day,
• attendance is the responsibility of everyone in the community,
• children may find themselves in unsafe situations if they choose not to attend or skip school.

While most students attend school consistently, there are a small number of students who are absent from school without an acceptable reason and this may harm their education. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late and being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school.

Have you visited your child’s classroom lately? I love visiting our students to share in their enthusiasm for learning! It is especially pleasing to see how well they are responding to the Explicit Teaching program, the consolidations and the focus on reading AND WRITING which is happening in each classroom every day. Why not drop in your child’s classroom next week and see how well he/she is learning. You will be proud!

Have a great week,

Ms Jane Ternaat
Principal

Wednesday 6th May 2015
Issue No 3
DEPUTY'S DESK

BEFORE SCHOOL ORANGE SEAT

If students are arriving at school before 8:00am it is important that they sit on the Orange Seat located below G block. Students are not permitted to play on the playgrounds or oval before 8:00am. At 8:00am a bell will sound and students will be dismissed by the teacher on duty where they may go and order tuckshop, complete breakfast reading or go to their classroom and prepare for the day. We thank you for your support on this matter.

Mr Michael Patane
Deputy Principal

ATTENDANCE

**Term 2 – Wk 2**

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Well done to 1A, 3/4A and 4/5A who made a significant improvement and hit the green last week. Thank you! You have made me smile J Icy poles are arriving in the freezer for 1A and 3/4A. Super job, keep it up.

Prep A, 1/2A and 2A you were so close! I’m sure if you encourage each other this week and use your tracking charts you can decrease your class days away and hit the green! Remember Mrs Roome is watching!

Prep B, Prep/1, 3/4B and 5/6B, it is really sad to think about how much learning some students are missing out on.

Great attendance = Great results

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2016

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

TUCKSHOP NOTICE

Please do not ask for credit as refusal often offends.

A NOTE ABOUT NAPLAN

On May 12th, 13th and 14th all Year 3 and year 5 students will sit for the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) tests in Reading, Writing and Numeracy.

**We ask that you support us on these dates by:**

- Having your child arrive on time (all tests start at 9:00am on May 12th, 13th, 14th). As there is only a set amount of time to complete the test, it is required that everyone starts and finishes at the same time. The first 10 mins is dedicated to taking the students through the test procedures and if they do not arrive on time they will miss this important information.
- Ensuring your child has adequate sleep prior to the testing days. Research has shown that when you’re getting enough sleep, everything is easier. You’re more energised throughout the day and your thinking is clearer.
- Ensuring your child has a healthy breakfast and lunch and a bottle of water. Research has shown that brain-friendly carbs eg. Fruit, cereals/grains, veggies and yoghurt, help with sustaining energy throughout the day.
- Encouraging your child to relax and have a positive attitude. When we’re feeling good about ourselves it is easier to perform well. Constantly referring to tests can create anxiety in children. This is one assessment piece of many throughout the year and a positive attitude is encouraged for all activities at the school.

JANE'S JOTTINGS

**Teaching Tolerance**

Provide opportunities: Give them opportunities to play and work with others of diverse backgrounds. Children learn firsthand that everyone has something to contribute and we really aren’t that different in our thinking and living. Select books, toys, music, art, and videos carefully. Keep in mind the powerful effect that the media and pop culture have on shaping attitudes. Build self-esteem: Help your children feel good about themselves. Kids who feel badly about themselves often treat others badly. Kids with strong self-esteem value and respect themselves and are more likely to treat others with respect, too. Help your child to feel accepted, respected, and valued.

Adapted from Kids Health - http://kidshealth.org/parent/positive/talk/tolerance
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: Following Teacher Instructions!!

✔️ Listen carefully to what school staff are saying!
✔️ Follow their instructions straight away!
✔️ Ask a question if you are not sure what they want you to do!

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

REMINDER - TEACH YOUR CHILD TO DIAL TRIPLE ZERO (000) AND REMEMBER DETAILS

The Queensland Ambulance Service is encouraging parents and caregivers to teach their children how to become potential lifesavers by practising calling Triple Zero (000) with a disconnected or toy phone, or by playing an online training game at http://kids.triplezero.gov.au/. When calling Triple Zero and requesting an ambulance, an emergency medical dispatcher will provide advice and dispatch medical help to your location. For this reason, it’s also important for families to familiarise themselves with their holiday surroundings by memorising holiday addresses and beach access codes, so they can relay the correct information to Triple Zero staff. More information can be found at http://www.ambulance.qld.gov.au/default.asp

PARADE AWARDS

Congratulations to all of our students who received awards this week!! FANTASTIC EFFORT!!!

HEAD LICE

Head lice have been detected in the school. It is extremely important for you to check your child’s head for head lice TODAY. Keep checking every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days.

If you do find head lice, commence effective treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading. Teachers will reduce head-to-head contact activities while head lice are known to be around.

If for any reason you are having difficulties treating the head lice on your child effectively, please contact the school on 4081 5333.

"The Mother’s Day Stall is coming 8th May!!"
CONGRATULATIONS VARNI!!

Varni was the ONLY student from Balaclava to have been selected to play in the Cairns District Soccer Team. Varni will attend the regional championships in June with an opportunity to play in the State Championship in July. Good Luck Varni, we are proud of your achievements.

CAIRNS DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all our students who represented Balaclava State School at the Cairns District Cross Country carnival held on Friday 1st May:

10 Years
Mercedes Rossiter-Campbell, Lataviah Panuel, Jephet Duck, Niukore Meremere, Ray Brown.

11 Years
Michelle Abai, Varni Nona, Haraire Meremere

12 years
Gemma Snell, Nevis Esrom, Joshua Nona.

All of our students tried their best and did our school proud. Special congratulations go to Michelle Abai (pictured below) who won the 11 year old girls event quite convincingly. She will now represent our school and the Cairns District at the Peninsula Regional Cross Country held on Friday 22nd May at Trinity Anglican School in White Rock.

GOOD START PROGRAM

Remember the Good Start Program has commenced again for Term 2:

****Every Monday 2:30pm to 3:30pm!****

The program focuses on working with communities to help build skills, knowledge and confidence to eat healthy and lead a healthy lifestyle to give Pacific Islander and Maori children a good start on the road to a healthy future

SCHOOL DISCO

Where: The Hall
When: Thursday 14th May
Time: Prep to Yr2 – 4pm – 5:30pm
Yr3 to Yr6 – 6pm – 7:30pm
Amount: Entry - $3 pp
Menu: Hotdogs $3 or with cheese $3.50
Poppers $2
Chips $1.50
On Sale: Glow Sticks $1 each or 3 for $2
Theme: Old Hollywood Glamour

MOTHER’S DAY

Mother’s Day Morning Tea

Friday 8th May 2015
9am to 10:30am

Coffee and Tea
Scones with jam and cream
Lucky dip gift
$5.00

Everyone is welcome; most especially Mothers, Grandmothers and Carers.

Mother’s Day Stall

Friday 8th May 2015
8:30am to 10:30am

All gifts will be wrapped and available for under $10.00

The Mother’s Day Stall is available to all classes throughout the day by timetable

This is a P&C event; all proceeds will be going towards Math’s Resources.
ANZAC Day for 2A

During the week following the holidays 2A learned a lot about ANZAC Day and how important it is for us. We read a diary of a young man (only 23) who was at Gallipoli and died in France. We learned about ANZAC Cove and how many Australian and New Zealand men lost their lives. As we are doing place value in maths, it helped us understand that many thousands of young Australians died for our country. We talked about ANZAC biscuits and how they lasted long enough to send them overseas to the soldiers, because they had no eggs or milk that could spoil. We even made our own ANZAC biscuits, but ate them straight out of the oven, they were delicious!

STORY WRITING

Don’t Get Spooked

“Darling, don’t forget your torch!” yelled mum, when I was packing my bag carefully. I really didn’t want to go but it was all mum’s idea. She said “We are going on a daring and mysterious trip to Dead Man’s Creek”. The reason why it was called that is because 10 years ago there was a man that drowned in the creek, people spread rumours about it. They say that no one has been to the creek since he died. I sort of had a picture in my head and didn’t think it was true.

“It’s time to go now,” exclaimed mum. I gulped down as if I had had a big lump of sacredness. I silently crept into the car as if I was dead. Mum started the car and we were off. We arrived at Dead Man’s Creek and there was bucket fulls of fog everywhere, loud croaking sounds made by the frogs and a funny smell around. I crept into the creek with my mum and I looked on my first right… there was… A GHOST! Not just any ghost a transparent and freaky one. My heart was thumping like it wanted to burst out of my chest and run home.

I screamed “Arhh!” my mum said in a brave voice “Don’t be scared, there is no such thing as ghosts”. I muttered to myself, “That’s what you think”. So we went left instead of right where the ghost was.

I yelled out “MUM!” Mum ran quickly to see what was wrong. She said curiously “What’s wrong sweetie?” I said in a soft voice “Can we please get out of here, it is so creepy.” Mum said gently, “After our walk.” So mum and I went all the way down the track and turned around and started heading back. We went past the witch with the large, green wart at the end of her nose, the zombie that was drooling all over me and we went past the transparent ghost.

At last, we were at the car and on our way home. “Sweetie did you like the set up event with the ghost, witch and zombie?” mum asked wondrously. “That was a set up? I thought that was real!” I said in a harsh voice. “I guess you got spooked then if you were screaming through it.” laughed mum. It was 8:30pm by the time we got home and was time for bed.

I said tiredly to mum “Next time we were going to a set up event, can you let me know first?” Mum said with a giggle “Okay.” So mum and I had a good day in the end.

By Jemma Savil Thorpe

ANZAC Day Reflections YR 3/4A

On Friday the 24th April 2015 we had an ANZAC Day parade. During the parade we had a man come to talk to us about Anzac Day. His name was Mr Machetts. He talked to us about him being a soldier in the Navy and about a donkey called Duffy. There were wreaths laid by classes while the choir were singing a beautiful song. Most teachers were wearing a poppy or rosemary. We all showed respect.

By Alexis

On Friday the 24th April we had Mr Machetts who was in the war. He talked about when he was a solider people had no food in the war. Then and we had one minute silence. The choir sung while all of the classes laid their wreaths onto the stage.

By Venecia
NEWS FROM CLASS 1A
Over the past 2 weeks 1A has been looking at a wonderful story called ‘Handas Surprise’ by Eileen Brown. It is about a girl called Handa who decides to surprise her friend Akeyo by taking her seven delicious fruits. While walking to Akeyos village Handa encounters some very hungry animals. Students have loved reading the book and immersing themselves in the story. They have been writing their own story map and are working towards writing a detailed retell at the end of the 5 weeks.

ATTENDANCE REWARDS!!!
Ask your child if they were one of the great attenders from term 1 who were rewarded on Monday with time on the giant inflatable slide. Classes were allocated a 1/2 hour time slot and students who were at school for 90% or more in the first term were able to slide as many times as they could in that time. WOW! What a great time they had. Some students missed out and this was sad to see, but the slide will return to reward this term's great attenders and the beginning of next term. So it's not too late to increase your attendance data and be on the slide next term.

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

GENERAL NOTICES
HOLY CROSS PARISH CATHOLIC SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2015
Reconciliation Parent Evening – 6pm Tuesday 28th July, at St Andrew’s College, Redlynch. Students in Yr3 and above may receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A copy of the student’s Baptismal Certificate must be handed in with Enrolment Form. Baptisms can be arranged by phoning the Parish Office.
Confirmation & First Holy Communion Parent Evening – 6pm, 5th May, at Holy Cross Church, Reed Rd, Trinity Park. Students in Yr4 and above who have already received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation may receive the Sacrament of Confirmation & First Holy Communion. All Enrolment forms are available from Holy Cross School, St Andrew’s College or from Thresea Jankowski. Enrolment forms are to be returned to those school offices prior to the Parent Evening, or at meeting. Thresea Jankowski, State School R/Coordinator Mobile 0418 184 800 Email: mjankowski@cns.catholic.edu.au

HELP! I’VE GOT A TEENAGER
What: 6wk course for parents with children 12yrs & over
When: Thurs May 7th to June 11th from 5:30-8pm
Where: UnitingCare Community, 188 Aumuller St, Bungalow
Cost: $60 includes handouts & tea/coffee
Contact: 4050 4955

PCYC YOUTH GROUP FOR TEENS WITH ASD
Who: 12-16yr olds
When: Fridays from 6-8pm (fortnightly in term time)
Where: PCYC function room
Cost: PCYC annual m/ship + $100 per term for sessions
Contact: Brigitte cairnsasdyouthgroup@gmail.com

WOREE STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Wednesday 20/5/15 – info night for Woree High, all prospective students and referrals urged to attend and receive enrolment pack on the night. Keep watch for further details in upcoming newsletters

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## Date Claimers

### May
- **8th**: Mother’s Day Stall
- **NAPLAN**: National Testing for year 3, 5 & 7
- **12th**: Language conventions and Writing tests
- **13th**: Reading
- **14th**: Numeracy
- **School Disco 14th May!!**

### 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

### July
- **13th**: First day of term 3
- **16th**: Community Breakfast
- **17th**: Show Day Holiday
- **21st**: P&C Meeting

### August
- **18th**: P&C Meeting

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**Important DATE!**

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