Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Well, NAPLAN has finished for another year. Thank you to the parents and staff for the extra effort that has gone into preparing the students. While we have placed a lot of emphasis on preparing students for the tests, the rest of the curriculum has not been neglected. While it will be a few months before results are released, we are confident that our student performance data has improved.

Parents and students are encouraged to lace up their shoes and take part in the “Walk Safely to School Day” on Friday 22nd May. You are invited to get up early on this day and join thousands of other Australians walking all or part of the way to school. For those who live too far to walk, why not try parking the car a few blocks away and walking the rest of the way? The day promotes the important message that active kids are healthy kids. For more information visit the Walk Safely to School website at www.walk.com.au

Thank you to the P&C and the Student Council for hosting a very enjoyable disco on Thursday night. It was excellent to see so many wonderful “Hollywood Stars”. Check out some of the photos of our kids letting loose after three days of hard work during the NAPLAN tests. A special thank you to Ty for being our groovy DJ on the night.

Have a great week,

Ms Jane Termaat
Principal

The school now has a Facebook page! Like us on Facebook to keep up to date on all the latest news and current events here at Balaclava State School.

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.

BREAKFAST READING PROGRAM
Children need to eat and children need to read. So come along to our breakfast reading program, where breakfast is supplied to students who read. Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings between 8am – 8:30am in the activity room (next to the tuckshop).
DEPUTY’S DESK

Uniform
Over the last couple of weeks we have noticed numerous students attending school without the correct Balaclava State School uniform. A school uniform is an essential component for a child to have a successful day at school. It is also a vital safety component as it allows staff to recognise Balaclava students easily. The school’s uniform consists of a purple Balaclava shirt ($26 - $28), plain black ($16-$18) shorts, bucket hat ($8) and covered footwear. These items are available for purchase at the school tuckshop. Please help keep our kids safe by making sure your child comes to school in full uniform.

Mr Michael Patane
Deputy Principal

ATTENDANCE
Term 2 – Wk 4  Average 91%

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4/5A – You guys are AMAZING. Your class put the whole school in the green this week. With only 2 days away for the whole week, that is a new Balaclava record. Super Job! I am still waiting for the first class to hit 100% for the week but I have a feeling it’s coming soon.
Well done to everyone else in green you should be very proud of yourselves, and I’m so happy that we are the GREEN TEAM once again. Icy poles to those classes with 92% and over.
Great attendance = Great results

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
Students participating in Instrumental Music, please remember to bring your instrument (if self-provided) to your music class.

STRING with Frank Bray is on a Wednesday mornings.
WIND with Kirsty Rankine is on Friday mornings.

JANE’S JOTTINGS
Self Esteem in Primary school-age children
Here are some ways you can help:
• Talk with the teacher to find out how your child is going. A good relationship between school and home will ensure the best outcomes for your child.
• Teach your child about fair play. He/she needs chances to win and lose.
• Coach your child through tricky social situations – for example, ‘Try giving a big smile when you want to join in. People will want to play with you if you look happy’.
• Give your child the chance to try new activities and learn new things.
• Watch out for the signs of bullying, learning problems or other social difficulties that can affect your child’s self-esteem.

PARENTLINE
Parentline is a useful support service about which I often hear good reports. It is confidential, open seven days a week 8am – 10pm and available to any parent for any issue. Cost of a local call 1300 30 1300
www.parentline.com.au

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2015
Next week the reading period for the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge commences. This is a great opportunity for our Prep to Year 6 students to improve their literacy, cultivate a passion for literature, and for teachers and families to encourage them to read widely for pleasure.
Interested students should check with their classroom teacher or our Premier’s Reading Challenge coordinator Toni Behrendorff to make sure they are registered.

For further information visit
www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge

TUCKSHOP NOTICE
Please do not ask for credit as refusal often offends.
**WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY**

All Primary School children will be encouraged to walk safely to school on Friday May 22nd to:

- Promote the health benefits of walking
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion
- To help create regular walking habits at an early age
- To reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour
- To reduce the car dependency habits
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles

Did you know according to latest research announced in the media 60% of children are being driven to and from school so participating in Walk Safely to School Day is more important than ever.

**WOREE STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

Woree State High School is holding an information evening for prospective 2016 Year 7 students.

All interested students, parents and caregivers are invited. The information night will be held on Wednesday 20th May 2015 at Woree State High School from 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

For further information please contact:
Jaimee Hislop (HOD Junior Secondary)
Phone: 4081 5216
Email: jeale8@eq.edu.au

**INTERSCHOOL SPORT PROGRAM**

Year 5 and Year 6 students have been selected to represent our school in the Term 2 District inter-school sporting competitions. These sessions will commence 22nd May (week 5) and will run every Friday between 12:30pm – 2:30pm, ending on 19th June (week 9). Students will be travelling to their venues via bus or taxi with a cost of $5 per week (total cost $25 for the five weeks). **Money must be paid to the office by 8:30am each Friday.**

Please order second lunch at first lunch to help with time factors of moving students to and from sporting venues. Students are reminded to bring a hat, sunscreen, water bottle, correct school uniform and appropriate footwear.

**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:
**Listening to the Speaker!!**

- **Look** at the person who is talking!
- **Show** respect by being quiet!
- **Think** about what is being said!

**LUNCHES**

It is important that students have enough food to eat throughout the day as children burn up a lot of energy with their active play. It is also important that children have a healthy breakfast each morning before they arrive at school. Some students are eating their lunch when they get here and then have nothing to eat for the rest of the day. Parents are also reminded to provide the plastic cutlery (spoons, forks) necessary for their child/children to be able to eat their lunch. A few students have also requested that their lunches are heated up in the microwave, either in the staff room or the office. Unfortunately, due to Work Place Health and Safety policies, we are unable to do this for your child.

**LATE ARRIVALS**

Any students who arrive after 9:30am will need to report to the office for a late note before going to class. Parents, we would appreciate your support in ensuring that your children are ready for the commencement of class at 8:30am.
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 RI Coordinator
Mobile 0418 184 800 Email: mjankowski@cns.catholic.edu.au

‘HELP’ I’VE GOT A TEENAGER

A six week 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 membership + $100 per term for sessions
Contact: Brigitte cairnsasdyouthgroup@gmail.com

UNDERSTANDING BEHAVIOUR

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

Reminder!
Good Start Program
Mondays 2:30pm – 3:30pm

GENERAL NOTICES Cont...

BECOME A GIRL GUIDE

Make a difference in the lives of girls & they will make a difference in yours.
To begin your adventure
Contact: Melanie Portelli on 0416 041 510 or email melpor26@gmail.com

EarlyAQtion SOCIAL SKILLS

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

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS PROGRAM

A weekly program for parents of kids with a disability 0-10yrs
When: Thursday from 6-8pm on the following dates:
30th April, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th May & 4th June
Places limited, please ensure you register by 29th April.
Contact: Kristy Bennett 4046 3611 or Kristy@arcinc.org.au

Limited childcare places available to attend the session, please enquire.

CAIRNS YOUNG VOICES

Bringing students from Cairns together to experience the joy of singing, improve vocal skills, develop their musical ear & learn to read & write music.
Contact: www.cairnsyoungvoices.com.au or email cyvoices@bigpond.net.au

POSITIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Free two day workshop and information sessions for parents and carers of school age children on the autism spectrum.
When: 16th & 17th June from 9am – 4:30pm
Where: Rydges Esplanade Resort, 209-217 Abbott St Cairns
Contact: 1300 881 971 – Register online www.positivepartnerships.com.au

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.
The Cairns International Tennis Centre is now under new management. Nicky Mayer is an experienced Tennis Centre manager of 15 years and a qualified tennis coach, used to coaching 150 – 180 kids each term.

**PROGRAMS**

**ANZ Hot Shots** - a modified program for kids who can progress through 4 easy stages guided by qualified Tennis Australia coaches and encouraged to develop at their own pace. Lesson times are available Monday to Saturday.

**Cardio Tennis** - Did you know, people work 33% harder and their endurance improves by 15% if they train with music? Working out to loud music is the key to having fun and staying motivated in Cardio Tennis. Sessions are available almost 7 days a week.

**COMPETITIONS**

- Junior Grand Slam Cup: Fridays 4pm – 6pm
- Junior Street Challenge: Saturdays 9am – 11am
- Adult Social: Thursdays 7pm – 9:30pm
- Social Ladies: Tuesday 9am – 10am

If you would like to be a part of any of the programs that the Cairns International Tennis Centre provides, please call into the centre or contact Nicky.

Phone: 4041 3383
Email: mayernt@bigpond.com

**STUDENT AWARDS**

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

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**HOLLYWOOD DISCO**

The disco last Thursday night was a celebration of our hard work during NAPLAN. It was a fantastic “Hollywood” night! Dancing with friends was a blast and we had a wonderful time dancing to the wonderful songs. Thanks for the P&C for making the incredibly delicious food so that we could have the energy to dance the night away. Thank you to our guest DJ, Ty, for coming to help show our new Tech Crew how to DJ a disco. A big thank you to the student leaders for decorating and helping to organise the event. We hope to see you at the next disco.

*Destiny Polaia and Martina Lee Long.*
# Date Claimers

## May
- 20<sup>th</sup> : Woree State High School Information Evening
- 22<sup>nd</sup> : Walk Safely to School Day

## June
- 8<sup>th</sup> : Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- 16<sup>th</sup> : P&C Meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup> : School Photos NQ School Photography
- 24<sup>th</sup> : Report Cards go home
- 26<sup>th</sup> : Last day of Term 2

## June
- 13<sup>th</sup> : First day of Term 3
- 16<sup>th</sup> : Community Breakfast
- 17<sup>th</sup> : Show Day Holiday
- 21<sup>st</sup> : P&C Meeting

## August
- 18<sup>th</sup> : P&C Meeting