Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As the term draws to a close, it is with sadness that we say farewell to Jo Page. Jo has been the Balaclava State School’s faithful Tuckshop convenor for over 20 years. She has prepared, catered and served countless breakfasts, lunches and afternoon teas. Jo has also ensured that our less fortunate students have had lunch by always having “hungry lunches” available when needed. Jo has also supported Student Council activities by making sure that there were drinks and food available at functions. On behalf of the Balaclava State School staff and students, past and present, I would like to wish Jo all the best on her next venture.

Sharon Blakely who has been working with Jo during the past few years will take over the position of convenor. With a change of convenor the P&C are taking the opportunity to make some changes to the menu that the Tuckshop is currently offering. There will also be a reduction in Tuckshop hours. The Tuckshop will continue to run every day Monday to Friday, but will not be open for the second break.

In Term 3, all food will need to be pre-ordered. This includes snacks at second break. More information about this will go out next week and will also be on our Facebook page.

Have a great week,

Ms Jane Termaat
Principal

DEPUTY’S DESK

Parent Survey

A big ‘Thank You’ to all of the parents who participated in the parent survey during the last month. Your input was invaluable and has given us numerous ideas on how we can improve our fantastic school. The information and feedback provided from the survey has been collated and used to help improve our school systems and also to help us market Balaclava State School to the local community. If you are interested in learning more about the survey results please feel free to contact me.

Mr Michael Patane
Deputy Principal

Quote of the Week

“High Quality Teaching and Learning, High Expectations, Highway to Success”

The Balaclava Way

Great state. Great opportunity.
ATTENDANCE

Great attendance = Great results

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Congratulations to Prep A, 1A, and 4/5A who reached target or above this week.

1A is leading the way for the best attendance this term with 93% follow by 1/2A, 3/4A and 4/5A who are all on 91%. With 2 weeks left which class will win?

Everyone WALKS!! This fortnight our FOCUS SKILL is:

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✅ Walk quietly
✅ Allow for personal space
✅ Look forward
✅ Keep hands by my side
✅ Straight line

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

This year we are looking forward to continuing our journey with School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS).

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JANE’S JOTTINGS

Problem Solving Strategies for Parents & Teachers

If your child is having problems in school – academic, social or behavioural – one of the most important things you can do is to form a strong working alliance with your child’s teacher. Here are some steps to get you started.

Problem-solving steps

Don’t expect to fix a complex problem in one single step. Instead, look for any progress in the right direction. Agree ahead of time on a backup strategy if you get to the point where you have reached a dead end with a given approach. Coming up with a fresh strategy might involve calling in a school guidance counsellor, the principal, a psychologist, a behaviourally oriented paediatrician, or other health professional.

ENCOURAGING GOOD BEHAVIOUR

Keep promises. Stick to agreements. When you follow through on your promises, good or bad, your child learns to trust and respect you. So when you promise to go for a walk after she picks up her toys, make sure you have your walking shoes handy. When you say you will leave the library if she doesn’t stop running around, be prepared to leave straight away. No need to make a fuss about it – the more matter of fact, the better. This helps your child feel more secure, because it creates a consistent and predictable environment.

TIPS FOR TALKING ABOUT SCHOOL WITH PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

• Give your child your full attention. Put aside whatever you’re doing and look at her when she talks to you about anything, especially school.
• Take seriously whatever your child tells you. For example, you can say things like, ‘That’s really interesting. Then what happened?’ or ‘And how do you feel about that?’
• When you talk about the school and teachers with or in front of your child, use respectful language. For example, ‘Mr Smith knows a lot of really important stuff, so you need to listen when he talks’, or ‘I’m sure Ms Adams had a good reason for doing that’.
• Informal moments are often good opportunities to talk with your child about his day at school – for example, car trips, walking together, cooking or watching TV together.
• Active listening techniques can help you pick up on your child’s feelings and work out whether she wants to talk.

Your child’s behaviour and communication style might seem to change overnight when he starts school. Suddenly everything’s ‘awesome’, or he’s rolling his eyes at everything you say. He’s learning all kinds of new things from his friends and teachers, so this is all part of him developing a unique identity.

SCHOOL PHOTOS THURSDAY 18TH JUNE

Come to school dressed in your uniform best for school photo day 18 June 2015. Remember to bring along your payment envelope on the day. Please note that the office will also collect payment envelopes until Thursday 25th June.

HOLIDAY SECURITY

Keep a watch on our school these holidays. 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.
MUSIC NIGHT
We are hosting a Music Night on **Thursday 18 June** in the Balaclava State School Hall. The evening will start at **5:30pm** and will go for approximately 45 minutes.

Students will need to be at school no later than 5:10pm to warm-up and set up instruments so we can start on time.

This will be a great opportunity for our Instrumental students and Choir to perform in front of an audience before the Cairns and District Junior Eisteddfod the following week. Hope to see you there!!

PIRATE DAY
Aaaarrgh! It’s Pirate Day at Balaclava! All the teachers and some of the students dressed and acted like pirates! If the students didn't finish their work they would walk the plank! Students wore eye patches, hooks, boots, and our teacher Captain Bertolla even had a mini telescope! Our Captain likes our reading; writing and making us laugh and smile! I wonder who will walk the plank today? Did you know that pirates secretly have good manners and show respect for others? They also have golden teeth!

**By Janina Jong**

TRANSITION DAY
Do you **NEED** some **HELP** enrolling your child into high school?
Come and see us on **WEDNESDAY** between **2.30pm** and **4.30pm** at any of the centres below and we can help you:

- Complete your child’s enrolment form
- Assist you apply for your child’s birth certificate
- Advise you of Abstudy entitlements

**Manoora Hub:** 10th June  
**Mooroobool Hub:** 17th June  
**118 Murray St:** 24th June

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2015 SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY
Earlier in the term we conducted a school based parent survey to determine what we were doing well at Balaclava State School. It is now time to have your say again in the **Annual School Opinion Survey** conducted by the department. Participation in the survey is anonymous. Attached to this newsletter you will find a letter containing the web address and unique code to access the survey online. The survey can be completed in the comfort of your own home or alternatively the computer lab at the Balaclava State School will be made available at the following times:

- **Thursday** 18th June 8:00 am – 8:30 am  
- **Friday** 19th June 8:00 am – 8:30 am  
- **Monday** 22nd June 8:00 am – 8:30 am  
- **Tuesday** 23rd June 8:00 am – 8:30 am & 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm  
- **Wednesday** 24th June 8:00 am – 8:30 am

Please complete your survey by **Wednesday 24th June**. Thanking you in advance.

STUDENT AWARDS!
### June
- **18<sup>th</sup>** School Photos (NQ School Photography)
- **18<sup>th</sup>** Music Night School Hall
- **22<sup>nd</sup>** Woree SHS Transition Day
- **24<sup>th</sup>** Report Cards go home
- **24<sup>th</sup>** School Opinion Survey closes
- **25<sup>th</sup>** Athletics Carnival
- **26<sup>th</sup>** Last day of Term 2

### July
- **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
- **31<sup>st</sup>** Facebook competition closes

### August
- **18<sup>th</sup>** P&C Meeting
- **28<sup>th</sup>** Premier’s Reading Challenge concludes