Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Well, another term has flown by with lots of interesting activities along the way. We have survived NAPLAN, had a disco, had our photos taken, enjoyed a musical evening with our talented students, held a sports day, ran a cross country and worked hard to do our best in all things. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who have supported their children at home and in the classroom, and supported the teachers and the school in the many and varied ways that you do. Your help on all levels is always noticed and appreciated. Thank you to all the staff for your hard work, your continued energy and dedication, and your continued efforts to improve teaching and learning on all levels.

This week is the last week of our first semester. School finishes for Semester 1 this Friday. Remember that EVERY DAY COUNTS and therefore we expect all students to attend until Friday. There is NO PUPIL FREE DAY on the first Monday back is 13th July. I hope you have an enjoyable and safe break with your children.

Report cards were sent out today. While we have made every effort to ensure that they have gone out without errors, we are not infallible. Please contact us ifundetected errors have gone out. Please take the time to read through the report card and feel free to contact your child’s teacher if you have any concerns.

Have a great week,

Ms Jane Termaat
Principal

DEPUTY’S DESK
Dental Hygiene
Recently we had some visits from the James Cook University Dentistry students who came to talk to our students about the importance of brushing their teeth. The students really enjoyed the sessions and were all given a free toothbrush and sample toothpaste to use at home. It is important that students brush their teeth twice a day as it reduces tooth decay and improves their general well-being. If your child has lost their toothbrush please feel free to contact me as I have a limited number of spare toothbrushes that were left behind from our dentistry visit.

Mr Michael Patane
Deputy Principal

Quote of the Week
“High Quality Teaching and Learning, High Expectations, Highway to Success”
The Balaclava Way

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ATTENDANCE WEEK 9

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Great job from 4/5A for being in dark green with 95%, well done as well to Prep A, Prep B, Prep/1 1/2A, 2A and 3/4A. 1A is still leading the way for the term with 93%, but 4/5A has gotten closer this week sitting on 92% with 1/2A on 91%. This prize could still be anyone’s if all classes get in the green for the last week.

Every day counts – will your children be in school?

It’s almost time for the school holidays to mark the end of Term 2. Parents and carers are reminded of the importance of children attending school every day. For more information visit the Every Day Counts webpage.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

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

This fortnight our FOCUS SKILL is: Everyone WALKS!! This means I will:

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

JANE’S JOTTINGS

Kids Helpline is Australia’s only free, private and confidential, telephone and online counselling service specifically for young people aged between 5 and 25. A useful telephone number for all children 1800 55 1800.

Parentline QLD Ph: 1300 30 1300 (cost of a local call) 8am to 10pm, 7 days a week.

SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERS

It is not too late to submit your photo order!! If you would still like to purchase school photos please have your order in to the school office by tomorrow.

FAMILIES LEAVING

All the best to families and students who are leaving us at the end of the week. Thank you for being a part of our school community.

SPORTS DAY

Below is a program for the day’s events. Parents are reminded that students are required to stay in their house area so they don’t miss any events.

Students should wear:
- Shoes
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Sports uniform and colours

Students are expected to arrive at school all days wearing their house uniform. If students must be absent they must speak to your child’s teacher to discuss what is required.

Parents are reminded that students are required to sign out at the school office by tomorrow.

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.
LIKE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
You could win a $50 Coles/Myer voucher!!
For your chance to win, simply search Balaclava State School on facebook, like our page and you will automatically go into the draw to win a Coles/Myer voucher to the value of $50*.
*To be eligible, you must like our facebook page before 31st July 2015 and must be the parent/guardian of a current student at Balaclava State School. No negotiations will be entered into.

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 now for Prep here at Balaclava State School. Birth certificates and immunisation records must be produced.

TAKE THE PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Is your child reading every night? Students who read well achieve better in all subjects. Improved achievement leads to positive self-image and further improved outcomes. Why not pick up a book and join the challenge with your child?

ENROLING FOR HIGH SCHOOL
To enrol your son or daughter into a State high school, you will need the following documents:

☐ Your son or daughters original birth certificate (not an extract or commemorative)

☐ Your current driver’s licence

☐ Your current lease agreement

☐ Your most recent utility bill (telephone, electricity, gas) or rates notes

☐ Report card and NAPLAN report. (This can be provided by your primary school if you do not have them/cannot locate it)

CONGRATULATIONS CHOIR
On Tuesday our choir performed in the eisteddfod. Our little group were fantastic. A huge thank you to Ms Eddlestone who spent many additional hours preparing our group. Well done all of you!

STUDENT AWARDS

NATIONAL CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA
From 2013, schools across Australia will take part in a new national data collection on school students with disability. The data collection is being introduced in stages over three years, starting in October 2013. From 2015, this information will be collected in every school across Australia, every year. All Australian governments have agreed to this. It’s your decision about whether you want your child’s information to be included in the national reporting or not. Please contact the school if you choose not to participate.
### Date Claimers

#### June
- **24th**: Report Cards go home
- **24th**: School Opinion Survey closes
- **25th**: Athletics Carnival
- **26th**: Last day of Term 2

#### July
- **13th**: First day of Term 3
- **17th**: Show Day Holiday
- **20th**: Community Breakfast
- **21st**: P&C Meeting
- **31st**: Facebook competition closes

#### Reminder
The first day back next term is NOT a pupil free day. All students return Monday, 13th July.

#### August
- **18th**: P&C Meeting
- **28th**: Premier’s Reading Challenge concludes

#### September
- **2nd**: Year 5/6 Camp
- **3rd**: Year 5/6 Camp
- **4th**: Year 5/6 Camp
- **15th**: P&C Meeting
- **18th**: Last day of Term 3