13 December 2016

PRINCIPALS REPORT!

Dear Parents

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2016. What a tremendously successful year we have had at Ballajura Primary School. Can I begin by thanking each and every parent for the dedication you have displayed in the education of your children and importantly, the support you have provided to our school. At Ballajura, we see education as a partnership and it is together that we continue to build a wonderful learning environment for all children.

Monday’s Final Assembly was a wonderful way to farewell the students and recognise those students who have performed at an exemplary standard in winning year level, subject and citizenship awards. This year, we introduced Academic Excellence Awards for each year level to recognise the outstanding efforts of children in the academic domains.

**Academic Excellence Award Year 1**
Jahna Te Aute

**Academic Excellence Award Year 2**
Chase Wiley

**Academic Excellence Award Year 3**
Hans Garcia

**Academic Excellence Award Year 4**
Ashanti Allen

**Academic Excellence Award Year 5**
Benedict Widjaja

**Junior Citizenship Award**
Riannah Allen

**Senior Citizenship Award**
Angus Baldassar

**Junior Physical Education Award**
Hans Garcia

**Senior Physical Education Award**
Hannah Aufdemkampe

**Junior Science Award**
Jazzy Alonto

**Senior Science Award**
Alaiza Garcia

**Senior Cultural Studies Award**
Summer-Lee Terbeeke

**Junior Performing Arts Award**
Fafali Ditsa

**Senior Performing Arts Award**
Zephan Smith

**2017 Student Councillors**

- **Head Boy:** Stefan Suleski
- **Head Girl:** Stephanie Suleski
- **Councillors:** Danielle Sansalone, Bella Ferguson, Dhruv Dhawan, Tulinh Pham

**2017 House Captains**

- **Kerruish:** Daniel Platel, Julie Mendoza
- **Bennett:** William Narrier, Fionna Shum
- **Creer:** Rylan Stampalia, Teleah Makene
- **Eaton:** Lexi Keegan, Jana Garcia

By any measure, 2016 has been a fantastic year. Once again, we have been recognised for our outstanding academic results with children achieving more than one-standard deviation above expected performance in NAPLAN assessments. Over
the last five years, Ballajura Primary School has achieved better results against expected outcomes than any other school in the state.

When reflecting on the other 525 government primary schools in Western Australia, this is a remarkable achievement and resulted in our school being nominated as a finalist in the WA Education Awards for Primary School of the Year.

The work the staff continue to do implementing curriculum plans and having high expectations of student performance is having an amazing effect on our students. Students are expected to always be trying their best and be their best. At Ballajura, we believe that every child can be academically successful and every child matters - every day!

My staff should be congratulated on their efforts in our continued outstanding results and celebrated for their commitment and determination to succeed no matter the challenge or circumstance. I encourage every parent to take a moment of their time to thank your child’s teacher for their efforts – they truly are dedicated professionals!

Our school continues to build character in its social endeavours. Our school community is a significant partner in our success. The support we receive from our parents is amazing and I thank you one-and-all for ensuring your child is ready for school every day and excited about their learning.

To every mum and dad who has made lunches, checked homework and heard their child read, thank you! The messages you convey to your children about the importance of education, assists them to achieve their best. Your support ensures our school remains a strong focal point of our community.

To all of our parent volunteers who give up their time so generously, can I say thank you. Whatever capacity, however much time or energy you have donated, we say thank you! Parent involvement is crucial to the success of many of the programs at Ballajura and your contributions are truly appreciated. In particular, I would like to thank our P&C President, Lisa Asher, who has led such a dedicated and fantastic group of people. We know that Lisa has a band of committed mums and dads that support her and I thank each and every one of them for their contributions this year.

I would like to thank the school’s Board for their guiding hand; their efforts have resulted in amazing academic, social and emotional outcomes for our children.

We must congratulate our outgoing Head Boy, Angus Badassar and Head Girl, Fiona Palma for their dedicated efforts over the last twelve months. They have been supported by a magnificent councillor team.

To our graduating Year 6’s, farewell and good luck! You are all very special individuals and we have loved watching you grow to be the outstanding young people you are today.

Tomorrow’s Year 6 Graduation Ceremony will be a very special time for these students as it symbolises a milestone in transitioning from childhood to adolescence. I implore the students to savour these last liaisons with their class mates as they will now all disband and move forward in different directions, to new challenges and new schools.

We look forward to presenting the Dux Award, Ballajura Community College Medal of Excellence, Endeavour and Ron Vincent Awards tomorrow evening.

As we look forward, we know that Ballajura Primary School will have approximately 700 students to begin 2017. After receiving 170 applications, the school has employed Ms Eleanor Harvey as the only new teacher to join the school. Ms Harvey is currently teaching in Esperance and was recognised as a Golden Key winner for exemplary results at university in 2014. We are very excited to have Ms Harvey join the school.

Finally, can I say thank you to the whole school community for your support, it is difficult to comprehend that another year has passed by so quickly. I look forward to another exciting year at Ballajura Primary School in 2017 and working to consolidate the gains we have made over the last few years.

We also extend our sincere thanks to Casey Dutchie and Joe Locke from Bake Boss for their ongoing support of the school, particularly the donation of an individual cake for every staff member following the school’s nomination for School of the Year.

http://www.bakeboss.com.au

A special thank you goes out to Mrs Schorer and Mrs Hayden, the school’s Associate Principals and Mrs Young, the school’s Manager Corporate Services, for their efforts in 2016. They are wonderful professionals who continually put the needs of the school and the children as their highest priority.

I wish every family a very happy and safe festive season, I hope all of the students take time to rest, relax and play over the holiday period and that they return ready for another exciting year of learning. For those families who are travelling, be safe and those who are staying at home, take time to share this special time of the year with friends and family.

I look forward to seeing all of the students back at school on Wednesday 1st February 2017. In continuing our journey we will need to work together to ensure every child can be academically, emotionally and socially successful – at Ballajura, we are determined to make a difference!

Once again, I thank you for helping make our school so successful. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

David Wanstall
PRINCIPAL

TERM DATES 2017

TERM 1

• Wednesday 1st February 2017 to Friday 7th April 2017
• Public Holiday - Monday 6th March 2017 (Labour Day)
TERM 2
- Monday 24th April 2017 to Friday 30th June 2017
- Public Holidays - Tuesday 25th April 2017 (ANZAC Day) and Monday 5th June 2017 (WA Day)

TERM 3
- Monday 17th July 2017 to Friday 22nd September 2017

TERM 4
- Monday 9th October 2017 to Thursday 14th December 2017

Student Free Days - Staff Professional Development
Student Free Days are not necessarily held on the first day of each term. The dates, once they are set, will be advertised via the School Newsletter.

MERIT CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Pre Primary
Caireann O'Toole, Ace Oliver, Prince Muronda, Kal Govans, Jamie Young, Indianna Morrissey

Year 1
Khiani Hughes, Maya Kerin, Jordan Collins, Aleah Brooker

Year 2
Duniya Babakarkhil, Chase Makene, Narjes Al-Rkaby, Sofia Baxter, Zack Foster

Year 3
Noah Cheesman, Aroan Ajayakumar, Olivia Merrick, Halle French

Year 4
Linsey De Paz, Siyu Wu, Dallas Walmsley

Year 5
Abbie Koh, Tyana Magson, Anwar Hassan

Year 6
Fiona Palma, Mezaan Jacobs

Cultural Studies
Lewis Chen

Science
Angus Baldassar

Physical Education
Kartik Kumar

Performing Arts
Hennah Babakarkhil

YOU CAN DO IT AWARD WINNERS

TERM 4 WEEK 7, 8 and 9 - THEME - ‘RESILIENCE’

Year 1
Max George-Ah Nee, Dylan Nealon, Liam McLean-Murcutt, Ella Gilbert, Noor Abdul Ghaffar, Artur Kawauchi, Jake Dunham, Jonah Cameron, Christina Chen, Ruby Andersson, Blake Gray, Tyler Stubbs-Mills, Jacob Maj, Samuel Paulus, Alan Mizori, Aniwa Ngaha

Year 2
Lilani Gray, Jenny Duong, Eliza Bawden, Henry Benbow, Sam Mackley, Ayah Zreik, Jacob Mumford, Ella Slater, Tiana Dang, Catelyn Morrison, Ahmed Alnajar, Malakai Websdale

Year 3
Dylan Santoro, Riley Jackson, Tenika Wildermott, Marco Scoulidis, Jazzy Alonto, Emily Platel, Jospeh McClure, Katherine Le, Callum Orenshaw, Edwardo Brown, Rowan Rossi, Maryam Alizada

Year 4
James Cox, Maryam Khirsan, Hayden Aufdemkampe, David Hoang, Maico Rew, Kaitlyn Asher, Bailey Terbeeke, Riley Evans

Year 5
Bella Ferguson, Tyana Magson, Jack Auty, Natta Lomchantrasilp, Abimanjou Mathivannan, Chris Brown

Year 6
Jamaya Corrick, Kobee Cooper, Aliyah Elmi, Matthew Iles, Luke Asher, Beirum Rind

COOL KIDS AWARD WINNERS

Pre Primary

Pre Primary Unit 2

- Monday 24th April 2017 to Friday 30th June 2017
- Public Holidays - Tuesday 25th April 2017 (ANZAC Day) and Monday 5th June 2017 (WA Day)

- Monday 17th July 2017 to Friday 22nd September 2017

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TERM PLANNER 2016

**Term 4**

**DECEMBER**

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SCHOOL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The $60 we ask parents to pay for School Contributions is vital in ensuring high quality resources and amenities for your child. Contributions should be paid as early as possible in the school year. We believe $60 for a whole year of education to be outstanding value for money. Parents are reminded that all school voluntary contribution payments can be made through the Office. If you haven’t yet paid your 2016 contributions, it’s not too late.

SMS Communication for Student Absences

Ballajura Primary School has implemented a mobile phone messaging system to communicate unexplained absences to parents/guardians. This communication system uses Short Messaging Service (SMS) and will send a text message to the mobile phone of the parent/guardian listed as Contact 1 on our data base, when your child is absent from school.

Parents/guardians can use the SMS system to notify the school of their child’s absence. If you do this before 9.15am you will not receive an SMS. Mobile: 0437 905 875. You can program the school’s SMS number into your mobile phone so that you know when we send you a message. Please note, you cannot ring this number; it is for messaging only.

P & C UPDATES

**CANTEEN - ‘THE LUNCH BOX’**

Bev and Margaret would like to thank all of their hardworking helpers throughout the year, in particular Bosilka Radetic, Laura Shields, Vicki Earle and Karen Gwilliam, who all helped on the last treat day. Well done ladies; great team work!

The canteen is always in need of volunteer helpers, especially when they are having their special treat days. If you can offer any time at all, please pop in to see Bev or Margaret in the canteen and let them know of your availability.

Did you know that Ballajura Primary School students in Pre-Primary can order from the canteen for their school lunches? We offer student lunches for Pre-Primary to Year 6 on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Pre-Primary recess orders are not available, only lunch orders.

Orders can be placed at the canteen in the morning or via our online canteen ordering system. You can place an order from any smart device or computer up to two weeks in advance, simply go to the link below to sign up.

http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop will be open on Friday 27th January 2017 from 9.00am to 11.00am.

*This is the week before school commences.*

The Uniform Shop is open Monday afternoons (2.30pm-3.00pm) and Friday mornings (8.30am-9.00am) for all your uniform needs. You can purchase in person with cash or card during these hours, otherwise all uniform items can be purchased online 24hrs a day through the same system we use for the canteen. Simply go to the link below to sign up.

http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

The Uniform Shop is currently looking for a weekly or on roster Friday morning volunteer from 8.15am to 9.30am. As the busy ordering time of the year approaches, we are looking for volunteers to help out with serving, writing orders and reconciliation. Full training will be provided. Please either email...
ballajurapandc@hotmail.com or just pop in and speak to Lisa during opening hours.

As always, we are looking for any pre-loved Ballajura Primary School uniforms. If you have any uniforms you no longer need and would like to clear some cupboard space, please don’t hesitate to donate by either dropping uniforms into the office at any time or into the Uniform Shop during opening hours. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

**FESTIVE FREE DRESS DAY**

On the last day of term for the students, Thursday 15th December, we will be having a ‘Festive Free Dress Day’ for a gold coin donation. Staff and students are invited to come dressed in something festive.

**P&C CONTRIBUTIONS**

We are really excited about being able to raise funds and support the school in providing the much needed cooling of the Undercover Area in 2017. It will be of outstanding benefit to every student to be able to watch our amazing assemblies without being hot and sticky. Every single payment of contributions will directly go to making this possible and we thank you all for so generously donating.

The P&C ask for a $40 contribution per family per year. This, along with other fundraisers held throughout the year, enables us to provide much needed equipment and resources to help our children get the most out of their education. It’s important to note that this is separate to the $60 school contribution.

Contributions can be paid several ways:

1. Cash or card in the Uniform Shop during opening hours.
2. Complete a contribution envelope and leave it in the P&C box in the front office.
3. Pay directly into our bank account using your child’s surname as a reference.

Commonwealth Bank
BSB: 066167 Account: 10476535

**SCHOOL BANKING**

The final School Banking day for this year will be held on the last day of school, **Thursday 15th December**, from **8:00am to 8:40am** in the Uniform Shop.

The School Banking volunteers hope to see all of our Super Star Student Savers one last time before the summer holidays so that we can say our farewells. The P&C would like to extend a huge thank you to all the families that have supported the School Banking Program. The program is now bigger and better than it has ever been in the past and it is all down to the enthusiasm and support we have received from you.

School Banking has been a great fundraiser for our school this year. Our school received $5 each time a student made their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school on Thursday mornings.

The P&C would also like to thank Jocelyn Murphy and Carol Diver for their unflinching weekly commitment to the School Banking Program. Without your dedication and enthusiasm it would have been impossible to run such a successful program, so thank you ladies.

Kylie Davis will be taking over the role of School Banking Coordinator next year; however, you will still see Jocelyn, Carol and myself, in addition to a few new volunteers.

**The first day for School Banking in 2017, will be Thursday 2nd February, 8.00am to 8.40am in the Uniform Shop.**

Happy holidays everyone!

**Melissa Payne**
**School Banking Coordinator**

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**LIKE MORE INFORMATION?**

If you have any questions about the P&C, please don’t hesitate to contact P&C President, Lisa Asher, at ballajurapandc@hotmail.com

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Vac Swim Enrolment link for December - January Holiday Lessons**


**SUBSCRIBE TO SCHOOLZINE**

http://ballajuraps.schoolzineplus.com/subscribe

We still have a number of families that have not yet subscribed to our Schoolzine online newsletter. When talking to family and friends from the school community please encourage them to go online and subscribe so that they are not missing out on vital school information and events.

**The Schoolzine App update is now available**

The update will automatically install on your Phone.

All app features and settings will remain the same.

Once you have updated the app, the following icon will appear on your Phone.
Depending on your devices settings you may need to visit the App Store/Play Store and search for Schoolzine to manually update.

If you are downloading the app for the first time, you will automatically receive the updated version.

The update features a new design and layout, with improved functionality and features. For more information about SZapp or for help installing SZapp, please see the instructions below.

If you have any questions regarding the release or experience any issues, contact us at szapp@schoolzine.com.au. Please include as much information as you can, including what device you are using, so we can assist you as quickly as possible.

https://ballajuraps.schoolzineplus.com/szapp