

Term	Dates	Length
Term 1 2024	Monday 22nd January - Thursday 28th March	10 weeks
Term 2 2024	Monday 15th April— Friday 21st June	10 weeks
Term 3 2024	Monday 8th July— Friday 13th September	10 weeks
Term 4 2024	Monday 30th September— Friday 13th December	10 weeks

Student Absences

Please contact the school if your child is unable to attend school by:

Phone: 4081 5333

Text: 0475 977 608

Email: ContactUs@balaclavass.eq.edu.au

Facebook Messenger: Balaclava State School

Breakfast Club



Monday to Friday
8:00am to 8:25am in the HALL

BSS Walking Bus Monday -Friday



Not on Facebook? You can follow our Facebook posts by visiting our website <https://balaclavass.eq.edu.au>

PBL BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

Week 5 & 6

Positive Bystander Behaviour



UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

It is important that any updates to your phone number, address or any other details have been advised to our office. In the event of an emergency, it is vital that we are able to contact you.

Please contact the office as a matter of priority if your details have changed.



CAIRNS CITY REDS BASEBALL CLUB

COME AND TRY

WHEN:
Sundays 4-6pm

- 3 March
- 10 March
- 17 March
- 24 March

NEW AND RETURNING PLAYERS WELCOME
ANY GENDER, ANY AGE, ANY SKILL LEVEL

WHERE:
Cairns Baseball Fields
Nautilus St, Trinity Beach

Any Questions? Email us: cairnredsbaseball@gmail.com



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NEWSletter

CONNECT ~ COMMIT ~ EXCEL

Principal's Pen



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week 4. It feels like we always say it but time is certainly flying by.

As many of you saw at our open classrooms yesterday, there is some great work happening across our classrooms. It is always wonderful to see the amazing learning happening and the work that our children are proud of, in our fantastic school.

Our students continue to enact our 'SLANT' way of working and learning in our classes. As you may already know, this is an acronym for **Sit up, Listen, Ask/Answer, Nod and Track**. Your child will be able to explain to you how they use this in their class with their teacher. It is a very simple way to get ready to learn and engage in learning behaviours.

Partnerships Schools

A small number of Queensland schools are in communities that may benefit from purposefully designed support. These schools will receive co-ordinated intra- and inter-agency support to deliver effective local responses to community challenges and opportunities.

With this in mind, last week I attended a conference for Partnership Initiative schools. Balaclava has been selected as a PI school and this means that we will have a focus on connections and communication with you as our parents, carers and community members.

Walk to School and Raffle

We had a great morning on Friday from our walk to school day to the Big Breakfast to the P&C Mothers & Carers Day raffle. Thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting this and to our wonderful P&C for organising the raffle and prizes. We really appreciate it!

Stop Drop Go

As you may have seen, work has been progressing well on the new stop drop go facility on Cnr McCoombe & Chataway Streets. This work is now nearing completion. The final stage will be building a linking pathway from the facility into the school. All work will be completed in the next few weeks and we will be able to start using the facility from the beginning of next term. This is great news and will be a far safer way for all students and families who arrive/leave by car as there will no longer be a need to stop on the very busy McCoombe Street.

Over the coming weeks, our staff will be working on a range of initiatives to help further enhance the learning experience for all students at our fantastic school. We look forward to sharing many more positive stories and recognition of great achievement as move ahead together.

Regards,

Peter Begemann
Principal



Watch Out ! Cane Trains About!

The 2024 cane crushing season will commence in June and MSF Sugar would like to remind parents and teachers of the dangers of children playing on or near cane trains and railway tracks.

Cane trains carry very large loads and have limited ability to brake suddenly, and children often don't realise the danger they put themselves in when they jump on to moving cane trains, play around railway tracks, ride trail bikes along the cane railway and even fish from cane railway bridges.

Occasionally children are seen playing with the track points that guide the train from one track to another or placing objects on the line. This is extremely dangerous as it can cause the train to derail and result in serious injury or death.

Trains operate on our extensive private cane railway network 24 hours per day during the cane crushing season.

Please make your children aware to stay safe and remember:

- Stay away from locomotives and cane bins.
- Don't play around railway lines.
- Never walk between cane bins.
- Never go on to a cane railway bridge.
- Never walk behind a train – the driver will not see you.
- If you have to cross the railway tracks, STOP and look both ways, LISTEN and only cross when it is safe.
- OBEY Flashing Lights signals and Give Way signage at road crossings.

Remember: Watch Out – Cane Trains About



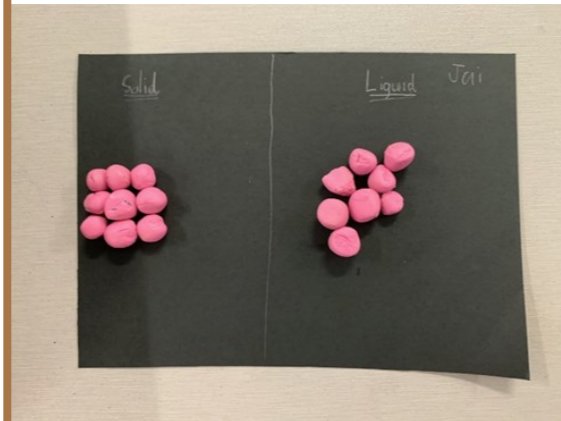
3A Newsletter

This semester we have enjoyed cementing our learning using hands-on activities both in learning areas such as Science and in our weekly Team Building Activity.

On Thursdays, 3A form pairs or small groups to do an activity to help get to know each other and to learn how to work together. These have been very successful. This was a STEM challenge: the students had to think, plan and create a way to cross a river. Their completed designs showed they understood the task and worked cohesively.

In Science we are looking at states of matter: Solids and Liquids and how they behave and change when heat is added. To make sure the students understand *how* the molecules behave in a solid and a liquid, they acted being the molecules and made small 3D structures using plasticine.

3A is always a buzz of eager students who are not only ready to learn but ready to work and learn with each other.



Mia Davison
3A Class Teacher

Instrumental Music

****Discover the World of Strings at Balaclava State School!****

Are you or someone you know intrigued by the enchanting melodies of the violin, viola, cello?

Look no further than Balaclava State School!

Our prestigious music program is offering opportunities for students eager to explore the rich world of strings. Whether your child is a budding musician or simply curious about the art of string instruments, now is the time to apply and secure your spot on our waiting list.

Why choose Balaclava State School for your musical journey?

- Access to very affordable government-subsidised lessons and instrument hire
- Opportunities to learn and perform throughout the year
- Experienced teachers passionate about nurturing talent
- Seamless transition to year 12 through Education Queensland
- Students start as early as Grade 3 for strings.

Don't miss out on this chance to embark on a musical adventure.

Apply now and join our vibrant community of aspiring string players at Balaclava State School!

Email: Mark Wilkins mcwil1@eq.edu.au

