

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

Breakfast Club



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

BSS Walking Bus Monday -Friday



From Monday of Week 2,

Mr Dylan will be running our walking bus. Mr Jason will be showing Mr Dylan the bus route in week 1.



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.



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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



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PBL BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

Term 2, Weeks 1 & 2

- School Uniform



Be Respectful
Be Organised
Be a Learner
Be Safe



NEWSletter

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Principal's Pen



To the Families of Balaclava State School,

What a way to end an outstanding term! Today's Cross Country was a huge success, with so many families attending to cheer on our runners. The P&C provided a wonderful selection of treats and Havana Coffee Cartel ran out of milk because there were so many sales. Way to represent, Balaclava!

Pythons were the winners of the day, but Mudskippers and Stingers were hot on their tail. Congratulations Pythons!

At our Athletics Carnival next term, we want to see a lot of team spirit on display. Both parents and students are encouraged to deck-out in team colours and show their pride.

Before we finish for the term, I would like to introduce some new staff that have commenced at the end of this term, or will be commencing at the beginning of Term 2. Please join me in welcoming:

• Mr. Hazmin Satrick – Chaplain

Our new Chaplain will start by running lunchtime activities for students from Prep - 6. These activities will not include conversations about faith, but rather be focused on allowing Mr Hazmin to get to know the school and students. Parents will be given the opportunity to make the school aware if they do not wish for their child to participate, prior to the activities starting.

• Mrs. Genevieve Bell – Student Engagement Teacher

Mrs. Bell will be working with identified students to develop social and personal capabilities through play, discussion, roleplay and focused activities.

With these wonderful staff joining our Student Services Team, we are confident that we will be able to provide even more support to our students, to promote their engagement and wellbeing.

We are all looking forward to Mr. Begemann's return at the beginning of Term 2. In the meantime, I'd like to thank all staff, students and families for their support during this time.

We hope to see you all at the Big Family Breakfast on Friday 19th April, so we can kick off the term in style.

Until we are together again, I'd like to wish our students and their families a happy and safe holiday break on behalf of all of our staff.

Yours in Education,

Lisa O'Malley
Officer in Charge – Balaclava SS



School Events

QLD Engagement & Wellbeing Survey
15 April—10 May (Years 4-6)

Big Family Breakfast

Friday, 19th April

ANZAC Day Ceremony

Wednesday, 24th April

TCC Cross Country

Wednesday, 24th April

Whole School Parade

Friday 26th April

P&C Events

Next Meeting

Tuesday 7th May

QLD ENGAGEMENT & WELLBEING SURVEY



Our Year 4-6 students will be participating in the Queensland Engagement and Wellbeing Survey from 15 April—10 May (Term 2, Weeks 1-4).

This will be completed during school hours.

Please refer to letters forwarded home for more details. It is important to note that participation in the survey is voluntary.

Please contact the school if you do not wish your child to participate.

KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL

During the school holidays we ask parents, carers, neighbours and students to keep a watch on our school. If you see anything suspicious, call the School Watch hotline on 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between the department and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in schools.



READING IN 2A

Every morning, the students of 2A delight in immersing themselves in books tailored to their reading level—a benefit of their daily reading lessons. They dedicate themselves to mastering decodable stories, honing their phonemic and morphemic understanding, mastering high-frequency words, and enhancing their reading fluency. Eagerly anticipating each day's lessons and cherished free reading time, the students happily engage in these enriching activities.



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