

Term	Dates	Length
Term 2 2022	Tuesday, 19 th April – Friday, 24 th June	10 weeks
Term 3 2022	Monday, 11th July – Friday, 16th September	10 weeks
Term 4 2022	Tuesday, 4th October – Friday, 9th December	10 weeks
Term 1 2023	Monday, 23rd January – Friday, 31st March	10 weeks

Student Absences

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

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YEAR 3 EXCURSION

On Wednesday, 15th June, our students from 3A and 3B visited the Australian Armour & Artillery Museum at Smithfield to consolidate their learning of World War I and Anzac Day.

Our students had a fantastic trip and returned to school excited to share their experiences from the excursion.



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Principal's Pen

Friday, 24th June 2022
Term 2, Week 10 (Issue No 9)

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have had many successes this term with in-class and offsite learning through whole school events and class excursions. On the pages following, you will see images of our students learning and achieving at Choir and Eisteddfod, Sports Days and a Year 3 excursion.

Our choir was successful in achieving two firsts, three seconds as well as receiving the JCU Cairns Eisteddfod Primary Schools Choir Encouragement Trophy. What an achievement!

Our activities and programs cannot run successfully without the hard work and dedication of teaching and non-teaching teams and the active support and involvement of parents and families. It is a powerful partnership. We have created a parent and caregiver survey to encourage increased involvement in cultural activities in the school. The more family volunteers that we have the richer the cultural experiences we can offer your child. Please get involved if you can!

The survey is on your email and you will have received an SMS reminder. Please phone the school if you would like a paper copy.

Thank you for all of the small things and all of the significant things that you do to support your child every day and for every event, it is always noticed and appreciated. Thank you to all of our teaching and support staff for your quality work and commitment to Balaclava students, and your continued efforts to improve teaching and learning on all levels.

At Balaclava we strive to provide all students with the best educational opportunities possible. We have clear expectations for behaviour and a positive mindset to learning. We know that our students are capable of high standards in all that they do.

We are committed to providing high quality teaching and learning opportunities through the Australian Curriculum across all academic learning areas so that as parents you can be confident that our standards are set where they should be.

Next term we will continue to benchmark some of our student work standards across other schools to ensure that we are extending students up to and beyond their age appropriate levels. I look forward to seeing you at our parent engagement meetings and sharing learning gains with you as we move into the second semester.

By far, the biggest contribution that you can make to your child's education is to ensure that they attend, are well-rested and ready to learn every single day. Please contact us if you would like any support in improving attendance for your child.

The first week back is an action packed short week, NAIDOC celebrations will occur on Thursday 14th July and we will share details of events/activities in Week 1 next term. The annual Cairns Show holiday is on the Friday 15th July.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable holiday with family and friends. Stay safe and well, and we look forward to the return of school on Monday 11th July.

Thank you in advance of your support and active involvement in our school.

Every lesson and every day counts in student learning.

C. Freier

Cindy Freier
Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

First Day of Term 3
Monday, 11th July

Permission form and
payment due for
Year 5 Camp
Wednesday, 13th July

Big Breakfast, NAIDOC
Parade and Activities
Thursday, 14th July

Cairns Show
Public Holiday
Friday, 15th July

Year 5 Camp
Wednesday, 20th July -
Friday, 22nd July

Queensland Fire Visit to
Year 1
Thursday, 21st July

Tyke-Oh Drumming
Friday, 22nd July

Year 4 Aquarium Visit
Thursday, 11th August

Student Free Day
Friday, 2nd September



JCU CAIRNS EISTEDDFOD



Congratulations to our amazing Balaclava State School Choir who performed exceedingly well at this year's JCU Cairns Eisteddfod.

On Wednesday, after performing they received two firsts (Unison and Folk) and three seconds (Junior Chief, Sacred and Novelty), then on Thursday, they were announced as winners of the JCU Cairns Eisteddfod Primary Schools Choir Encouragement Trophy.

This was the largest choir we have taken to the Eisteddfod (40 students) and the results reflect the hard work and commitment each student has given to this project.

Thank you to Ms Eddleston and Ms Vass for your passion and commitment to our choir and the Music Program.



ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

Thank you to Mr G for organising our Junior and Senior Athletics Carnivals. Our students were fantastic participants and displayed great sportsmanship. Photo galleries from both days can be found on the school's Facebook page (Balaclava State School) or our website (www.balaclavass.eq.edu.au).

