

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	11 weeks

Student Absences

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

☎ Phone: 4081 5333

✉ Email: ContactUs@balaclavass.eq.edu.au

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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PBL BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

Term 2, Weeks 3 & 4

- Hands & Feet to yourself



Be Respectful
Be Organised
Be a Learner
Be Safe



NEWSletter

CONNECT ~ COMMIT ~ EXCEL

Principal's Pen



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for Term 2. We head in to another busy term at our fantastic school and look forward to many achievements from our amazing students whether in the classroom, on the sports field or on the stage.

Well done to all students who took part in last term's NAPLAN testing which was again conducted on line for those in Years 3 & 5. NAPLAN results data will be sent to all schools later this term and reports produced for those students who took part.

On Wednesday, Balaclava State School held its ANZAC ceremony in the hall. It was fantastic to see so many of our parents and carers at school for this important event. Our guests from the RSL and I were very impressed by the respect and great conduct displayed by all of our students. Thanks to Ms O'Malley and our school leaders for ensuring this event was conducted so well.

This term will also see our athletics carnival take place, the district and regional cross-country events are underway and the term will conclude with assessment and reporting for semester one. At that time, student report cards will be sent home.

District cross-country scheduled for Wednesday was postponed due to wet weather. Further advice will be provided once it has been rescheduled.

On Thursday morning, Balaclava attended the ANZAC day ceremony on the Cairns Esplanade. Balaclava was represented by our school leaders, Aiana, Xavier, Mary and Michael. I would like to thank our school leaders, staff, parents and carers for coming to pay their respects and represent our school on the day. It gives us a real sense of pride in our school to see values such as those displayed on Wednesday from our students and families.

Finally, I am very pleased to inform our community that I have now been confirmed as the permanent principal of Balaclava State School. This means that our school leadership team has the stability and certainty needed, to drive our work forward and make sure that we continue giving our students top quality teaching, support and engagement making sure that they can achieve to their greatest potential. I look forward to seeing continued progress being made at our school and am excited to be a part of making Balaclava a key part of our students' educational journey and an asset to the local community.

Regards,

Peter Begemann
Principal



CARPARK/ROAD SAFETY

A reminder to all our parents and carers to remain aware of road safety at school drop off and pick up times. It is essential that we teach and model safe conduct around road traffic, by always using the school crossing and never allowing children to walk between parked cars at these busy times of the day.

Please also consider other road users at the busy afternoon pick up time. We will soon be able to give an update on the progress of the brand-new stop, drop go area and when our families will be able to start using it. The new area will make school drop off and pick up much safer.

We thank you all for your co-operation and help, as we place the safety of our students as top priority.

Residents' Survey

Cairns Safer Streets team is seeking community input from residents of Mooroolool, Manunda, and Manoora.

This Survey will take no longer than 5 minutes to fill out and will provide us with valuable information on how we can assist you.

We want YOU to have a say on what YOU want in your community.

All responses are recorded anonymously – Your responses will inform us of what information/activities you would like to see in the parks.



The Smith Family Cairns will be holding an event for our Learning for Life families to come along and receive help with providing their Student Profiles and School Reports.

We would love to see you and your families in the Balaclava State School Library on Thursday 9/05/24 at 2.30pm after school pickup.

Tekura, Donna and Karen will be available to assist with your documents and chat about anything scholarship or program related.

We hope to see you there.



MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

If your child requires staff to administer medication to your child at school, please contact the school office to discuss your child's requirements.

Office staff will ask you to complete and sign Section 1 of the Administration of medication at school record sheet.

Please note; school staff will only administer medication that:

- has been **prescribed** by a qualified health practitioner (e.g. doctor, dentist)
- is in its original container
- has an attached pharmacy label.

N.B. If your child requires more than one medication, you will need to complete a form for each medication.

Over-the-counter medications (e.g. Paracetamol, cough medicine, eye drops)

The Department recognises that all medications, including over-the-counter (OTC) medications, e.g. paracetamol or alternative medicines, may be drugs or poisons and may cause side effects. As such, schools are required to receive medical authorisation from a prescribing health practitioner (e.g. doctor, dentist, optometrist, but **not** a pharmacist) to administer **any** medication to students, including those bought over the counter.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

