Dear Parents and Caregivers,

140th Birthday Celebration tomorrow.

We are really excited about the 140th birthday celebration tomorrow and do hope you can join us.

The parade will leave the school at 9:15am. Families are welcome to wave to us on route or join the parade along Wallace Street to the Triangle. The brief assembly of singing and speeches from 9:45am, will be hosted by our student leaders, Tori, Georgia, Jacob and Jack. Our Festival of Music Choir and the Vocal Ensemble will lead the singing. Some of the assembly procedures will be a tribute to the school back in 1877. We will then parade back to school along Scotland St and across the BHS oval.

We invite you to join us for morning tea in the OSU at 10:30am. After recess, the students participate in dancing and old style games. Each class will plant a tree to create a 140th Forest. Our youngest student, Chase McCracken, and oldest student, Ashleigh Allen, will cut the 140th Birthday cake.

A celebration will go ahead regardless of the weather, however if too wet to do a street parade, we will parade in the OSU and have the assembly, games and dancing from 9:15am. Any changes to the original plan will be sent out on Flexibuzz and our Facebook page.

A Huge Thank You!

The wonderful help of community members has assisted in many ways to pull this celebration together. We appreciate the assistance we have received from our local SAPOL, Wakefield Regional Council and Balaklava PS families for your help providing morning tea, the resourcing of trees and their planting, and costumes for children.

Student Free Day Friday.

On Friday the school will be closed to students as staff will attend training at Gawler. Our focus on Visible Learning is about improving the way we make the required learning for our students more easily understood for them so they are able to assess their progress towards that goal.

Regards
Annette and Dianna
Festival of Music Choir  
Friday 15th September is the day we have been working towards for a very long time! The choir are performing with the massed school choirs at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre. We wish our students and Miss Monck well for this very special event, and congratulate them all on the fine way they have prepared for this performance over the past two and half terms. A note detailing the requirements for our choir students on that day will be sent home soon.

Library News  
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Thank you to all the families that attempted to solve the puzzles this year.

Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes Monday 11th September.  
Congratulations to the classes below who have completed the Challenge: Room 6, Room 7, Room 8, Room 2, BER1, BER3, and BER4.  
There is still the weekend. Can you do it?

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SRC News  
Disco  
On Tuesday 19th September there will be 3 discos.  
Years R-2 12:40 — 1:20 (Lunch-time)  
Years 3-5 6:00—7:15pm  
Years 6-7 7:30 –8:45pm  
Students attending the evening discos, must be collected by an adult. Please come to the Resource Centre door to collect your children.

Costs:  
R-2 (lunchtime) $2, Evening discos $4  
Children may bring a small amount of spending money for drinks and lollies.  
Neat casual dress required.

Money raised will go towards the new football goal posts and padding.

Helping Children and Young People Learn  
This fortnight’s tip to help children’s learning is:  
“Make reading a family affair”

Tip 4: Make reading a family affair  
Reading to children from a very early age has a lasting positive effect. Reading together can broaden vocabulary, create an environment for learning together and give you things to talk about later. Having your child read to you is also a safe and nurturing way for children to practise and learn.

Tell your own stories  
Share stories from or about your own family with your child. Tell the stories that have been passed down for generations or that are part of your cultural heritage.

Read and talk about books and stories with your child  
Ask about their favourite character in a book or what they think might happen next in the story. Ask what they liked or didn’t like about a story.

Shared reading activities do not have to be in English to help with learning  
If you speak a different language at home, speaking and telling stories in your first language is excellent for your child’s education and life experience.

Praise your child when they make an effort and keep trying  
You could consider setting small milestones for reluctant readers, and involving your child in choosing a book or content that appeals to them.

Ask your child’s teacher or school for advice or ways to support your child’s enjoyment and skill development in reading  
These days, we read more than just books  
Reading on hand-held devices (e.g. iPads) also helps to familiarise your child with technology as well as build their reading skills.
Room 14
Students have been working on *Pirates of Penzance* booklets and working out pitch and melody through activities. Some students took the initiative to make their own melodies and learned how to play them on the piano.

Room 18 and Room 20
Students had their understanding of music tested last week, using a program called *Plicker*. Students could see what the whole class thought the answer was to a question and then discussed how they worked out the answer, or why they got it wrong.

Festival of Music

**Magic Millions at Woodville Town Hall**
Students were fantastic at the Woodville Town Hall. It was commented that Concert 4 students were the best in regards to practice and minimal bathroom breaks, which will be key to the final performance due to the MASSIVE, open staircase that will be on view.

Tori and Paige sang beautifully for their solo and held their nerve in front of well over 900 people during the rehearsal!

**Festival of Music Tickets**
A reminder, due to the new venue, tickets will need to be purchased through Ticketek. This year it will be up to parents to get together and work it out. If you haven’t received a hand out regarding tickets, please drop by the music room or let the office know. I will follow up ASAP.

**Diary Dates**

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Thank you for reading. Sincerely, Miss Monck

**NAPLAN RESULTS**

Naplan results will be coming home today
Balaklava Primary School Celebrates 140th Birthday

We invite all families, friends, past students and staff to join us on

Thursday 7th September from 9:15am – 12:00noon

9:15am  “Escape into the Past” as we parade from BPS along Wallace St, then George St to The Triangle. Please cheer us on or join in the parade.

9:45am  Assembly near the Rotunda in the Triangle.  Come along to hear the singing and speeches.

10:00am  The parade will then proceed back to BPS passing BCCC, Balaklava Community Library and BHS.

10:30am  Morning tea in the OSU for guests & families.

11:00am  Bush Dancing and old style games. Each class will plant a tree in the “140th Forest”.

We do hope to see you!
Bonjour from Mademoiselle Langdon!

Happy Father’s Day – Bonne Fête des Pères!

I hope everyone had a lovely Father’s Day on Sunday & enjoyed receiving the Bonne Fête des Pères cards that the students made in French last week.

Fun Fact: Father’s Day in France is actually in June!

Sports Day Report from Mrs Rowland’s Year 4/5 Class

“It was so much fun,” I thought to myself. It was Balaklava Primary’s Sports day on the 21st August. We have it every year so the students can show their skills, have fun and to be active.

The day began with Fill the Flagon. I accidently bumped Rachel and she dropped her cup. I think Cameron came last.

Next was Bombardment. Cameron scored the first point in this game. At the end Cameron and Dalkey tied.

The third activity was the relays. The first relay was the Hockey relay where you have to hit a tennis ball with a cricket bat around some cones and back. I think I got the fastest time for that one. The second relay was a relay where you have to run around some cones and back. Cameron was one of the last teams to start.

After the relays it was discus. All of my throws were good. Discus was really hard because the discus was really big.

Jackson McArdle
Rear: Ethan, Miranda, Eliza, Kobe and Alex
Middle row: Caleb, Kian, Tanner, Riley and Charli
Front: Liam, Lexi-Jo and Jessie have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge

Rear: Ethan, Jai, Jacob, Dylan, Emma and Alex
Middle Row: Jack, Irish, Nate, Paul, Gemma and Taileigh
Front: Cooper, Mia, Angus, Lachlan, Riley and Aiden received Lexile awards

Class awards were received by:
4th row: Ethan, Harry, Eliza, Jorjah, Amber, Emma and Dylan
3rd row: Stella, Mia, Ella and Keaton
2nd row: Curtis, Jordan, Tess, Henry, Angus and Naish
Front row: Lily, Claudia, Katelin and Ned

William and Riley have completed a level of Rainbow Reading
SAPSASA REPORTS

SAPSASA 6/7 Girls Basketball
On Wednesday August 9th, 9 year 6/7 girls went down to the Balaklava courts to play basketball. We played four 20 minute games. Our first game was against Clare High school. We had never played together as a team and ended up drawing our first game 12-12.

After our first game we had a break. In that time Gerry Enorme gave us some tips on how to defend and attack better in our games. These were greatly appreciated.

Our second game was against Burra white. We played a lot better in this game and won 8-6. We had a very long break after that where we watched the other teams from our school play their games.

Our third game was against Owen. They were very strong but we beat them 14-9. We were down at half time but caught back up, luckily.

Our final game was against Burra Navy. We played very well and beat them 12-0. This meant we got into the Grand Final. The game against Burra White was going to be a tough game. We fought hard but after the first quarter we had a lot to catch up on. The umpiring decisions didn’t go our way but we tried as hard as we could. Unfortunately we lost 6-2 but were very proud to have made it to the Grand Final.

Overall we had heaps of fun and played great basketball.

SAPSASA Athletics
On the 28th of August a lot of students competed in the SAPSASA Athletics carnival which was held at Clare High School. The teams Balaklava competed against were, Clare High, Burra Primary School, St Josephs, Brinkworth Primary School, Horizon, Saddleworth and Riverton Primary.

Well done to everyone that participated and a special well done to Jack Mclean who came first in long jump, Brook McArdle who came first in discus, Janna Mojares who came first in high jump, Madison Poole who came first in discus and shotput, and to anyone else that we missed.

Thank you to all the parents and teachers who came and timed, setup the tent and cheered us on. Overall it was a great sunny day and everyone had a great time.

Tyler and Jacob

SAPSASA Basketball Report
On the 9th of August some year 6/7 boys went down to Balaklava courts and competed in a SAPSASA event. The boys in our team were Tyler McBride, Jacob Battle, Jack Mclean, Joel Williamson, Lachlan Michalanney, Macauley Smith and Brody Boxer.

The boys had a wonderful day and in the end they came second by one point against Clare High School. Thanks to Ethan for coaching and Tom for umpiring us all day.
Thought Spot

“Stability is everything. Be it physical or emotional; you need solid ground to build anything on” – Anonymous.

Stability in the home has been proven to be one of the most influential factors on a child’s academic performance. If the child has a solid foundation at home, they will do far better academically and socially than those children who do not have that same stability. The table below shows what stability look like;

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Having stability does not necessarily mean that there will be two parents in the home. It does mean that the parents/caregivers strive to ensure their child has a solid foundation at home on which to build the rest of their life.

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