SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

School Name: Balaklava Primary School

School Number: 0477

1. General Information

Part A

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February FTE Enrolment

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TOTAL 224 222 229 208

July total FTE Enrolment

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Note: Placement points for Complexity and (Base plus Isolation) can be obtained from the document 'Placement Points History' in the 'schools/placement' section of the 'Legal and Policy Framework Library' available on the departmental web-site.
Part B

- Deputy Principal: Libby Clift.
- Counsellor: David Scobie
- Staff numbers
  - **Teachers**
    - 11. FTE
    - Females: 7 full time, 5 part time.
    - Males: 1 part time
  - **SSO and GSE**
    - Female – 1 Full time 37.5 hrs/wk
      - 2 Part time 50 hrs/wk
    - Male – 1 Part (ICT) 12 hrs/wk
    - Male – 1 Part time (Grounds) 12 hrs/wk
    - Total = 115.5 hrs/wk
  - **Additional SSO** - Special Education, Behaviour Management, ESL & Literacy
    - Male 1
    - Female 4
    - Total = 80.0 hrs/wk

- Balaklava Primary is a locally managed school. We have 9 classes operating.
- Enrolment trends
  - Numbers fluctuate slightly year to year. In 2013 predictions are that enrolments at the end of the year will be 227
  - Some years there is approx. 20% transience.
- Special arrangements
  - Current initiatives with Balaklava High School include a shared canteen, buses and use of bore water. Curriculum continuity discussions with the Balaklava Community Children’s Centre are on-going.
  - The Reading Recovery programme has been operating since 2002 and in 2012 the school appointed an Early Years Reading Teacher
  - Literacy Coach appointed for Terms 2, 3, 4
- Public transport access
  - The principal of the primary school manages 10 DECS buses. The buses provide transport for over 600 students to the pre-school, primary, non-government and high school sites daily.
  - DECS bus routes and travel arrangements are reviewed bi-annually. The routes were reviewed in 2012.
- Year of Opening
  - 1877- In 2012 Balaklava Primary celebrates its 136th year of delivering education.
2. Students (and their welfare)

- General characteristics
  - Students are from a mixed farm, coastal and town background. A number of families have moved from northern metropolitan areas. Currently 33% of the school population qualifies for School Card.

- Support offered
  - Christian Pastoral Support Worker, Kym Woodroofe has been appointed for 3 years. Kym works 3 days per week.
  - School Counsellor 0.6 position.

- Student management
  - Student Behaviour Management Policy is under constant review, and includes use of the Positive Behaviour for Learning framework with a strong emphasis on responsive, pro-active strategies which involve partnerships with families.

- Student Voice
  - Student Representative Council (SRC) is established Yr R-7. We also have School Captains, House Captains and Music Captains in the upper primary.

- Special programmes
  - Additional special needs programmes include Reading Recovery, Multi Lit, Behaviour and Co-ordination programmes.
  - SSO’s currently provide additional support for students at risk in Literacy Block.

3. Key School Policies

BPS aims to provide quality-teaching programmes for all students to maximise learning outcomes.

- Our school motto was adopted late in 2006 and incorporated in a banner:

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2008 saw the Values embedded into the school: Fair Treatment; Cooperation;
Success; Mutual Respect; Tolerance; Responsibility & Honesty.

Our Whole School Expections have been drawn from our values. They are:

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible.
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SITE IMPROVEMENT PLAN PRIORITIES 2013

1. Improving Literacy outcomes with a focus on spelling and reading comprehension.

2. Curriculum and Pedagogy with a focus on Australian Curriculum and TfEL (teaching for effective learning)

3. Student Engagement with a focus on Positive Behaviour for Learning and improving student attendance.

4. Curriculum

   • Subject offerings
     : The eight learning areas are provided with the additional provision of a specialist music curriculum R-7.
     Special curriculum features include:
     : Indonesian LOTE provided R-7; with some classes accessing Visual Arts specialist teaching throughout the year.
     Class based music provided R-7 – one lesson per week.
     There is significant student involvement in Instrumental Music
     School choir performs annually at the Primary Schools Music Festival and at local events eg Balaklava Eisteddfod. We also have a School Band, Instrumental and Vocal Ensemble.

   • Teaching methodology
     : We are transitioning to using the Australian Curriculum. In 2013 we will be reporting using the Australian Curriculum in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science and History. Other learning areas are reported against the SACSA Framework.
     Our pedagogy is based on the Teaching for Effective Learning Framework (TfEL) document.

   • Assessment procedures and reporting
     : Interviews Term 1 and optional interviews Term 3; written reports Terms 2 & 4.

   • Joint programmes
     : Ongoing Transition programmes with Balaklava Community Children’s Centre & Balaklava High School.

5. Sporting Activities

   : The school is active in SAPSASA & local competitions covering netball, football, softball, cricket, golf, soccer, tennis, swimming (close proximity to community pool) athletics, lawn bowls and basketball.

6. Other Co-Curricular Activities

   • General
     : Religious Education Seminars held each term.
Year 7 Graduation and whole school End of Year Concert or Carols by Candlelight
Swimming Carnival & Sports day held annually.

7. **Staff (and their welfare)**

- **Staff profile**
  : Stable for the foreseeable future.

- **Leadership structure**
  : Principal, Deputy, School Counsellor and Literacy Coach form the collaborative Leadership Team.

- **Staff support systems**
  : Teaching staff- Performance Development reviews with the Principal or Deputy Principal are conducted each term.
  : SSO reviews occur twice a year with the Principal and Deputy Principal.

- **Access to specialised staff through the Yorke and Mid North Regional Office offers support in the following areas**
  : Student Behaviour Management, Speech, Hearing, Guidance, Special Education, Curriculum, Early Years, School Improvement, Attendance, Finance, Transition and Aboriginal Education.

8. **Incentives, support and award conditions for Staff**

- **Complexity placement points**
  : N/A

- **Isolation placement points**
  : Nil

- **Travelling time**
  : From Gawler – 40 mins; from Adelaide – an hour from the northern suburbs.

- **Housing assistance**
  : Some government housing – managed by local real estate agent.

- **Cooling for school buildings**
  : Refer to School Facilities section below.

- **Cash in lieu of removal allowance**
  : N/A

- **Additional increment allowance**
  : Nil

- **Designated schools benefits**
  : Nil

- **Aboriginal/Anangu schools**
  : Nil

- **Medical and dental treatment expenses**
  : Available if claimed.
• Locality allowances
  : Nil
• Relocation assistance
  : Standard Department Removal Allowance.
• Principal’s telephone costs
  : access to a school mobile- pay for personal calls

9. School Facilities

• Buildings and grounds
  : Brick Open Space Unit for four classes, stone JP building for two classes, stone Admin building, BER quad classroom block opened in 2011 as part of the BER programme, hardboard double and single classrooms, two doubles for the Library and Music Rooms, and Atco building for pre-loved uniforms and Instrumental Instruction.

• Cooling
  : Split Level Air-conditioning to all learning spaces.

• Specialist facilities
  : Resource Centre, Music suite and Indonesian room.

• Student facilities
  : Daily access to joint canteen on the high school site.
  : JP Playground & UP Playground
  : New asphalt & paving laid in 2007-08 and new courts marked
  : Large covered outdoor learning area – BER funded
  : Extensive well maintained oval

• Staff facilities
  : Staffroom
  : Conference Room
  : Photocopying room with teacher and SSO work station.
  : Staff work station in Open Space Unit

• Access for students and staff with disabilities
  : All main buildings have ramps
  : Open Space Unit Well is currently inaccessible
  : Toilets with facilities

• Access to bus transport
  : School buses use a road within school grounds for drop off and collection of students each morning and afternoon
10. School Operations

- Decision making structures
  : Leadership, PAC, Administration, Staff meetings, Student Representative Council (SRC) and Governing Council, including Parent Coordinating Committee
- Regular publications
  : Newsletter fortnightly
- Other communication
  : Daybook
  : Weekly staff notes
  : Website: www.balakr7.sa.edu.au
- School financial position
  : Resource Entitlement of around $2,000,000 per year
  : Staff managed classroom and curriculum budgets
  : Reserves to fund ongoing curriculum initiatives such as Reading Recovery and ICT

11. Local Community

- General characteristics
  : Local shops service town, local and farm community of approximately 3000 people. Primary production area with supporting businesses. Wide range of active volunteer organisations and Christian churches.
- Parent and community involvement
  : Governing Council, Parent Coordinating Committee, LAP, and each class has 2 parent representatives to support class/school activities.
- Feeder schools
  : Balaklava Community Children’s Centre. (BCCC)
- Other local care and educational facilities - After School Hours and Child Care based at BCCC with a local pick up on our site
- : Balaklava High School (approximate enrolment 402), Horizon Christian School (296). Also primary schools are located at Owen and Pt Wakefield, with a preschool also at Pt Wakefield.
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
  : A supermarket, banks, post office, chemist, newsagent, two hotels, and a variety of shops including electrical, hardware, hairdressing and fruit & veg.
  : Two hay processing plants, abattoirs, numerous pig & poultry farms, Viterra grain handling
- Other local facilities
  : Hospital, helipad, medical centre, four doctors, visiting specialist services, St John/SAAS Ambulance station, dentist, aged care facilities. Local newspaper, town oval and Sports Club, Lions Club, CFS, Red Cross, art gallery, Community Arts Organisation, Economic Development Board, Racing Club and Swimming pool and RSL. Sports Clubs including golf, gliding, football, netball, basketball, tennis, hockey,
table tennis, bowls, croquet, rifle and pistol clubs. Leisure clubs including gardening and photography. Caravan park and cabins plus others.

- Availability of staff housing
  - Limited to a few houses. Private rental accommodation is generally available. Currently 2 new housing developments have opened

- Local Government body
  - Wakefield Regional Council has its Head Office at Balaklava.

12. Further Comments

- Balaklava is close enough to Adelaide for commuters, being an hour from Gepps Cross. It is also 50 minutes from the Clare Valley, Barossa Valley & the Yorke Peninsula
- A bus service to Adelaide operates daily
- Wakefield Regional Council has an active Economic Development Board encouraging development in the area
- School promotion, publicity and learning performance needs to be a focus with a non-government school adjacent that is providing strong competition for enrolments
- We have approximately 3.34 hectares with the Balaklava High School sharing one boundary fence, the Balaklava Community Children’s Centre several blocks away and the Horizon Christian School across the road
- We welcome parent and community involvement and actively support local initiatives such as tree planting, Adelaide Plains Cup Festival, Balaklava Agricultural Show, Balaklava Eisteddfod and other opportunities as they arise
- Staff form a collaborative, cohesive group who work well with an interested Governing Council and Parent Coordinating Committee