Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to school for Term 4. I trust that you all had a wonderful break. With the warm weather already upon us, it is a timely reminder that students must wear a hat when outside. We also ask that students bring a water bottle to school each day.

**Calendar Dates**

We have a number of events happening this term to complement the learning in class. Please keep your eye on the calendar and mark important dates (such as those below) in your diary.

- **Friday 10th November: Student Free Day** for the Partnership of all schools.
- **Friday 24th November: Student Free Day** for BPS staff to plan for 2018. Balaklava High School is also closed on this day.
- **Monday 11th December: End of Year Celebration.** This is an evening celebration. More information in the next newsletter.

**Mill Court Excursion**

Our BPS Festival of Music Choir and the BPS Vocal Ensemble were invited to perform for the residents at Mill Court Retirement Home in Balaklava on Tuesday.

They sang from the Festival of Music programme, and also a song titled “No-one Listens to the Band”, written by Jessica Monck, our music teacher and choir trainer.

**Staffing**

We welcome Andrew Jettner who is teaching in Ber 2 this term while Jenny Rowland is on leave.

**Student Free Days**

- **Nov. 10th**
  - BPS only
- **Nov. 24th**
  - BPS & BHS

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2018 CLASS PLACEMENTS
The class placement process for 2018 will soon begin. This process is undertaken over a number of weeks and staff work hard to ensure we place students carefully in regards to class size and structure. We also try to put together groups of students who will work and learn well together.

To do this we consider:
- The learning needs of each child.
- A good balance of boys and girls and learning abilities.
- Each child’s friendship needs.

Teachers will give strong consideration to each child’s friendship needs. If friends do not work well together, teachers may decide not to put them into the same class. School is a time to learn to develop new friendships. A new class and a new school year is an ideal time to make new friends.

A few children have very special learning or health needs. If you believe that your child has very special needs, we will strive to do our very best to take this into consideration when we finalize classes, but due to a range of complexities, this may not always be possible.

While we welcome letters regarding other parental considerations, we must stress that requests will be considered but are not always possible. We ask that you do not request specific teachers. Staffing for 2018 has not been confirmed.

Please ensure all requests are forwarded in writing via a letter addressed to myself or email sent to dl.0477.info@schools.sa.edu.au.

Letters of request need to be sent through by no later than Friday 10th November 2017.

CONGRATULATIONS to:
Ryan,
on some great work this first week back.
**Room 18 and Room 20**

Students worked on their compositions this week. Many moved onto iPad compositions and have been watching the videos that I made to guide them through the task. Links to the videos are up on Flexibuzz for students who would like to catch up or recap on the task ready for next week.

**Balaklava Show**

Our Choir and Vocal Ensemble performed at the Show.

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**Classroom Lessons**

**Reception**

Students have been recapping texture in music and last term completed a dynamics test!

**Year 1-2**

At the end of last term, students worked through Solfège and Ukulele. Students have finished their understanding of ukulele, however it may return next week at assembly.

**BER 3**

Students worked in groups on iPads today and learned how to record tracks, ready for their audio story recording next lesson. Students had lots of fun recording strange sounds and learning how to put each recording on a separate track to create more of an atmosphere.

**BER 4**

Students have been presenting the last of their Rock n Roll this week and re-visited time signature.

**BER 2**

Students finalised their instrument posters last term and began learning about pitch through a Mystery Message game! They also made up whacky phrases to help remind them of the notes on the spaces and the lines in the treble stave. See below for some kooky lines.

**Fat Acrobats Cuddling Eels** – by Rhianna and Adriana

**Fast Annie Captures Eggs** – Emma and Meeya-Shayne

**Emma Grabs Bananas, Dumbledore Forgot** – Emma

**Funny Animals Conquering Earth** – Jackson and Riley

**Room 14**

Students had their *Pirates of Penzance* answers assessed over the holidays to give them an indication of what a satisfactory answer would be and what an exceptional answer would be. Students discussed some of the previous questions to gain further clarification. Students also began creating a classroom creature that they can write a theme for. The ideas were whacky and some have even attempted to draw it!

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**Diary Dates**

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<td>End of Year Celebration</td>
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Thank you to all the parents who donated food or helped out on the day.

Preparing and serving food
Thank you to Kelvin Tiller, Jodie Williamson, Viki Toumaras, Jackie Lemon, Bridget Guthberg, Stephanie Reimers, Keli McDonald, Shaz Pike, Nikki Wilkey, Christine Rohde, Kerry Williams, Katrina Loy, Melanie Evans, Silena Robertson, Sandra Poole, Sharon Hill, Julie Bigg, Trudy Redpath, Shelley Lamond, Kirsty Williams, Kelly Leach, Heidi Zerk, Barb Rodgers, Megan Arthur, Narelle Michael, Angela Battle, Sarah Young, Kate Broadbent, Dianna Jarman, Sascha Tiller, Jo Michalanney, Jenny Young and Skye Colley.

Donations of food
Thanks also to Rachel Bubner, Melissa Pike, Melanie Evans, Sally-Ann Williams, Kelly Leach, Irene Toholke, Dot Tiller, Christine Rohde, Nikole Cornish, Mancito Narvaez, Stacey Thompson, Jess Robertson, Sarah Terry, Cynthia Auerbach, Teearn Fitzpatrick, Karla May, Shelley Litzow, Diesy O'Driscoll, Trudy Redpath, Gaynor Tink, Kelly Hamdorf, Olivia Ritchie, Sammi McLean, Kirsty O'Mahoney, Sonja Gangell, Joy Tiller, Tracey Helmons, Tash Pope, Cherie Willmer, Meriel Lane, Skye Colley, Jodie Ziegler, Dianne Whittle, Kate Reinke, Jing Mojares, Tracy Starr, Tammy Durdin, Shelley Lamond, Lynne Champion, Shaz Pike, Michelle Preece, Rhiannon Barry, Michele Davey, Jayme Large, Maryanne Kuhn, Julie Newton, Laura Lockwood, Lee-Anne McCracken, Cathy McArdle, Erica Shepherd, Carmen Boxer, Hayley Olsen, Stacey Cooper, Darina Gorman, Casey Taylor, Sharon Allen, Carolyn McKee, Brigitte Brooker and Julie Bigg.

Coordinators
Huge thanks to Tania Allen and Jo Michalanney for their continued coordination and oversight of this major fundraiser.

THANK YOUs to:
- Balaklava Show helpers as listed across.
- Choir & Vocal Ensemble parents for supporting attendance at the Balaklava Show.
- Kane and Stacey Thompson for removing the old bag rack structures near the OSU during the holiday break.
- Everyone who brought in the Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers.

French Corner
Bonjour from Mademoiselle Langdon!
This Term we will be learning a lot of French!
R-2s will be learning Family words (La Famille) including mother, father, brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather.
Year 3/4/5s will be learning House words (La Maison) including bedroom, kitchen, bathroom, door, window, garden.
Year 5/6/7s will be undertaking a research project, focusing on different regions of France and their unique flags, coat of arms, food/drink, main cities, castles/monuments/landmarks, sport, festivals, art and clothing.
Looking forward to another great Term!

WORMY SQUIRMY JUICE
Our class has produced a good 2017 brew of our worm fertilizer – “Wormy Squirmy”.
We are selling a 2 litre bottle for $1. Orders can be taken anytime. It is ready to use and is excellent for vegetable, herbs and flower gardens.
We shall be selling it to the school community on School Assembly days before the assembly starts. All money raised is used to buy equipment for the recycling, gardening and compost systems.
We have also raised money through our recycling system this year and have bought trees for National Tree Planting Day and Reconciliation Day mural materials.

Ms Churchett
Christine Caine shared a valuable insight to an audience at a conference. The renowned author and speaker told the crowd "Don't allow any setback to become bigger than your come-back!"

This statement captures an important truth: that no matter what comes at us; we must rise above it, push through it, or work around it to continue on the great journey of life we are all on.

As term 4 gets underway, we will all be faced with many challenges. We will encounter obstacles in our path, and come up against hurdles that seem high or too hard to overcome.

BUT......YOU CAN DO THIS!

Keep your head high, and decide today that nothing that comes your way is going to beat you.

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SPORTS DAY RESULTS

CAMERON

After many attempts to hold Sports Day 2017, the final events, sprints, were held on the last Friday of Term 3. When all the scores were tallied across all the events, Cameron was the winning team, going back-to-back with 2016.

Cameron Captains, Miranda and Tyler and Vice-captains Jessica and Nicola accepted the Sports Day shield for Cameron House

SPRINTS DAY

2018 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC - ATTENTION Year 4,5,6 students

Would you like to learn a Woodwind or Brass instrument?
Would you like to learn to read music?
Could you be the next star we discover??

Please join us for a COME"N"TRY session on Thursday Week 4 in the Music Room at lunch time.

To participate, you need to have parent permission—please collect an Expression of Interest form from the Front Office and return it by Week 4.
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11 Christmas Hampers Raffle

*Each class* is being asked to prepare a Christmas Hamper to be raffled and drawn at the

**Week 9 End of Year Concert**

*Dec 11th 2017*

**Donations of:** Christmas decorations, cans and jars of food, sweets, stationary, small gifts etc may be included.

*NB: no second hand goods please*

*We would greatly appreciate each student donating one item towards their class hamper.*

$1 / ticket

**Win a wonderful surprise just in time for Christmas Celebrations!**

Booklets of tickets will be sent home for the students to sell and additional tickets will be available from the front office.

Tickets (sold & unsold) must be returned to the school with any money no later than Friday 8th Dec.
On a warm sunny Friday, the 22nd September, a cricket coaching clinic was held. The children moved through 4 stations, each concentrating on a specific skill. The budding cricketers loved the throwing, batting, bowling and fielding and entered into the spirit with great enthusiasm.