Dear Parents and Caregivers

Congratulations and well done to both our Choir and our Year 6 basketball team who both recently represented our school. Thanks to the staff who worked with our students to get them prepared for both events. You are all little stars.

Many important events and dates are currently being advertised for our school. Please keep up to date via the SkoolBag app, our website or by having the newsletter delivered to your inbox. Hard copies are always available from the front office.

Carols Night is planned for 10th December, more information to follow, Year 6 Graduation 16th December and final assembly will be held on 17th December. Please check the term planner for times. Please note that all events at our school are both alcohol and smoke free.

Thank you to those community members who took the time to respond to the recent survey. To this point our entire school community have been surveyed (parents, staff and students) and we are currently collating the data and I will make the summary available to our community before the end of the year.

School Council are meeting on Tuesday 2nd December. The next P&C meeting will also be held on that date, 7pm in the staffroom, everyone is welcome. It is the final meeting for year.

Classes for 2015 are currently being organised, please advise us if you know that you are leaving the area or if you know someone who is moving into Alexander Heights, please contact us so that we can make our numbers as accurate as possible and structure our school accordingly.

Just a reminder that Ziggy’s will hold a bookshop on 2nd December at 9.30am for those parents who are unable to place their booklist order on line. Please note that you do not have to order through this supplier but are free to buy your child’s requirements from any store of your choosing. This is a service provided for those parents who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity.

Just a reminder that we require your RSVP to our Helper thank you morning tea by Friday of this week.

The student free days for 2015 have been advertised on our website. Please take note of them so that you can plan accordingly.

*Pupil Free days for 2015 are: Monday 20th April, Monday 20th July, Monday 12th October and Friday 18th December.*

*School finishes for 2014 on Thursday 18th December. School commences 2015 for students on Monday 2nd February.*

*Mrs Lesley Meyers*
Principal
Ballajura Community College

Middle School General Tour

Prospective parents are invited to attend a general tour of the B.C.C Middle School and see the College in action.

Wednesday 19th November 2014
11.30 AM TO 12.30 PM

Please enter the College via the main administration building and parents will be shown where to go.

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Chaplains Corner !!

A word on Resilience…

Some kids are naturally resilient, their temperament helps them to be mentally and emotionally tough when the chips are down. Unfortunately this kind of resilience doesn’t come so easy to all kids. The good news is that in most cases resilience can be nurtured and developed, particularly when parents themselves are resilient and can foster it in their kids.

Some signs of a resilient person:

- They may be disappointed when things go wrong… but don’t fall apart
- They learn to see opportunity in adversity and realise things won’t always go their way.
- They accept change as a part of life
- They are able to keep things in perspective
- They nurture a positive view of themselves

As a parent I naturally want to protect my kids from harm and making mistakes that I’ve made before. However, I’m beginning to realise more and more that I need to allow my children to experience life and the ups and downs that go with it. The experiences of being included or excluded, winning at some things but not winning at others, of being told “no”, of making mistakes or the wrong decision and having to live with the consequences, as painful as it is for us to bear, all function to grow character, hope, resilience and inner-strength in our kids. This will in turn give them the tools they need to cope with adversity as they grow older and move into high school and finally become adults.

Just some food for thought. I hope you find this helpful. Be encouraged :)

Dan P
School Chaplain
SPECIAL CHOIR NEWS

On the 6\textsuperscript{th} November the school choir performed at the Westcoast Songfest. The festival ran over three days, with approximately 1200 students from 25 different schools performing together on our festival day. Highlights of the day were performing with Robbie Anderson from \textit{The Voice Kids} and a special part sung by Katie from Room 15. Find more information about the Westcoast Songfest and view photos at [www.westcoast-songfest.com](http://www.westcoast-songfest.com) (go to ‘photo gallery’ and enter the password \textit{song}) or on their facebook page.

LOST PROPERTY

We currently have a substantial amount of lost property that has been unclaimed. If your child has misplaced anything during the year, you are welcome to have a look through the items which are currently located in the Junior block activity area.

Any unclaimed items at the end of the year will be donated to the uniform shop.
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**Sports News**

Congratulations to the two basketball teams who competed on 6th November in the Cowan Challenge. The ‘A’ team blitzed the competition and for the first time won the carnival. They played with wonderful sportsmanship and were a credit to themselves and the school. A special thankyou to Mr Rowe, who trained the children for the competition.