Dear Parents and Carers,

Behaviour Focus
This fortnight students have been participating in lessons regarding physical contact with other students and staff. This learning focus supports the ‘be safe’ and ‘be respectful’ values of our school. Each day students are reminded to keep their hands and feet to themselves, but also to respect the ‘personal bubble’ of other people.

Reading
Students are all bringing home readers every night throughout the week. I can’t stress enough the importance of reading just a little every night with your child. We do our utmost to ensure that students are reading a text at a level that provides enough challenge for them to continue to learn and develop their reading strategies. All students have a reading record book. Please use this book to record your child’s nightly reading.

Cross Country
Cross Country practice has seen the students leaving the school grounds this week, getting used to running more ‘off track’. All students have increased their endurance since starting this practice, with some students showing real potential for our race next week.

Bullying No Way Day
The sixth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is being held on Friday, 18 March 2016. This annual day is Australia’s key anti-bullying event for schools, and encourages all students to ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence in schools, the classroom and beyond.

At Benarkin State School, we will use the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence to share our school’s anti-bullying policies, strategies and programs within our school community. As parents and community members, join us in wearing orange and helping us deliver a powerful message that bullying and violence is never okay.
KIDS MATTER

Talk to school staff

School staff can provide more effective support for children at school when they understand some of the pressures they may be facing in other parts of their lives. It is often very reassuring for children as well as for parents and carers to know that teachers or other school staff understand their difficulties and are ready to provide support. Staff at our school may also be able to provide you with support and advice, or help you find support services that can assist you and your children.

If your child shows signs of emotional or behavioural difficulties, it is important to seek professional help early, so that problems can be addressed before they get worse. Getting support for yourself, through family and friendship networks, our school, or mental health or community services, is also very important. See us if you need any help.

Parental pride was on display on Monday the 8th of February when our Benarkin School Leaders received their induction and badges and signed their leaders agreements before the students and staff.

We were honoured with our special guests our leaders Parents and Assistant Regional Director Mrs Debbie Hails who presented certificates from Federal member Mr Bruce Scott and spoke to the incoming leaders of their opportunity to create at Benarkin an example and culture of co-operation at our wonderful small school.

Our Leaders: Amber Maslen, Joseph McCoombes & Izack McKenzie

Jointly cut the celebration cake and a joyful afternoon tea was enjoyed by all.

The next Blue Light Disco will be held in YARRAMAN

- FRIDAY 11th March, 2016
- YARRAMAN COMMUNITY HALL
- 5PM - 8PM (UNDER 18 YEARS) - CHILDREN UNDER 5 NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY ADULT
- $5.00 ENTRY FEE PER DISCO

Bus from BLACKBUTT will depart from Les Muller Park at 4.45pm and returns 8.15pm.

A BIG thank you to our Fantastic P & C Mum’s for their great contribution

Cooking our BBQ lunch for all our hungry students.

Thanks Lisa & Bec