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Dear families,

Bellinghen Public School are introducing Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) which is an evidence-based framework aimed to develop a positive, safe and supportive learning culture. The framework assists schools to improve social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for children.

When PBL is implemented, teachers and students have more time to focus on relationships and positive classroom experiences. Students will benefit from things such as:

- increased positive/appropriate behaviour
- improved social-emotional wellbeing
- positive and respectful relationships
- increased time focused on learning
- a predictable and safe learning environment where staff and students know what is expected.

As a strategy for PBL, we have started rewarding positive behaviour with a 'Gotcha' ticket. Students receive these when teachers observe them following our school values:

Safe, **Respectful** and **Responsible**.



Being rewarded a 'Gotcha' puts students in the running to receive a co-created class reward, such as: extra sport, 10 minutes extra recess, sitting on the teachers chair, and choosing a game for the class. It also puts students in the weekly draw to win a \$2 canteen voucher at assembly.

We are already seeing the encouraging effects of having a school wide positive behaviour system and are excited to see growth in our students wellbeing and behaviour!

From the *Positive Behaviour for Learning Team*