Dear Parents and Carers,

Academic Success Guarantee
I spoke to the students this week about our school’s “Academic Success Guarantee”. I asked them whether they wanted to finish 2013 with a great deal more knowledge and skill than they began it. Of course they said yes. I spoke to them about how exciting it is to learn new things, and I said to them that I can guarantee that this year will see them make great leaps in their learning.

However, this guarantee came with a couple of conditions. They needed to be at school every day. They needed to be on time each day. They needed to be ready to learn. They needed to strive for their very best. They needed to respect the learning of others. I can guarantee academic success in your children if they can guarantee these couple of things. I am sure we can do it together.

Parent Teacher Evening
We will be announcing details shortly but I would love to invite parents and carers (and their children) to a very informal evening to celebrate the start of the year. I am thinking a sausage sizzle and a chance to meet your child’s teacher. Please look out for a separate note in the upcoming days.

Wanted: An Aboriginal Parent or Carer
The school’s vacant Aboriginal Education Officer position is soon to be advertised, and I am asking whether there is any Aboriginal parent or carer who would be willing to serve on the selection panel. Selection panel training would be provided. Please contact the school if you are interested.

P & C Playground Equipment
I mentioned last week about how supportive our P & C association are. This was again evidenced on Monday night as they allocated $6500 towards the installation of some extra playground equipment. I look forward to working with them in its design and construction. Thank you!

Facebook Friends
I am chuffed to see so many people becoming our school’s “friend” on Facebook. I am sure we can use this as a positive form of communication. Thanks to Mrs Dom Coulthurst who is our new Community Liaison Officer who has offered to help me post news and events.

District Swimmers
Good luck to our 14 school representatives who will be competing in the Ballina District PSSA Swimming Carnival on Friday!

Regards
Peter Flannery
**PBL News**

The PBL message for this week is the same message as last week because we all know how it is a safe expectation to have everybody walking on hard surfaces.

Last week I got to spend time with a group of students who didn’t go to the swimming carnival and we had lots of times when we moved from one site to the other. I have to say I was so proud of all of the students as they definitely displayed great understanding of the expectation on how to move around the school. We lined up in two lines, faced the front, had our hands by our sides and walked silently. I also got to walk the Westside students across the road last Friday morning, and I was delighted that all students displayed the safe expectations we have been teaching. Well Done everybody.

A very important part of this expectation is to be in the right place at the right time. Lining up for your class, walking to class and following your teacher’s instructions is a major part of our BEING SAFE expectations, so do as Beejay the Bee says and be a safe person at Ballina Public School.

The PBL team will have its first meeting on Thursday 14th February at 8:30am in the library. If you are interested in joining the team we would love to hear from you.

Mrs Parker
PBL Coordinator

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**Canteen News**

*Valentines Day* is tomorrow- Thursday 14th.

To help celebrate, the canteen will have some extra healthy red or heart shaped snacks, available during lunch time.

*Banana/Mango smoothies will be available again on Friday- $1.00*

*Did you know : our Chicken Burgers are homemade, using fresh chicken breast and crumbed with breadcrumbs & mixed herbs.!!*

Thanks
Colleen.

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**Roster for week starting 18/2/13**

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**P&C News**

**AGM** – Will be held on 11 March 2013 at 7pm in the school staff room. All positions will be declared vacant and there will be an election for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. You are all invited and welcome to attend!

SATURDAY BAKE DAY – Please come along to help bake healthy snacks that will be sold at the canteen. On 23 Feb from 10-2, the kitchen in the school canteen will be open and we will be baking up a storm. If you are interested please let us know (phone or drop a note into the office).

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**Evening View Club**

On Monday at the Assembly the school had a visit from Marilyn McIntosch and Clare Messitter. These two ladies were representing the Evening View Club and very generously donated some pencil cases, complete with stationery supplies to the school. The ladies said they enjoyed donating these items and know that they are well utilised within the school.

These supplies will be distributed to classes to use when needed. The School Captains accepted these supplies and thanked the ladies for their donations on behalf of the school.

The Last Team

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**Kindy News**

Look at Kindy’s fantastic ‘Ants on the apple’ artwork.

Keep up the good work guys!
Swimming Carnival

-Last Wednesday 6th February was Ballina Public Schools swimming carnival for Years 2-6 at the Ballina Pool.

Sue Meehan, Ballina Public School Learning and Support Teacher commented that ‘the carnival was fantastic and how much hard work went towards putting the day together. Also that carnivals like this give our students an experience that they will remember when they look back on their time at Ballina Public School.’

Everyone involved had a great day, and congratulations to all students for their top efforts.
**Lennox Head Rugby Club**  
**Junior Registration 2013**  

Wednesday 27th February 5pm – 6pm  
Wednesday 6th March 5pm – 6pm  

@ Williams Reserve, Lennox Head  

Under 7s (born in 2006) to under 17s (born in 1996)  
All Welcome  

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**Ballina Bombers**  
**AFL Sign On**  

Sunday 10th of February 2013  
4.00 – 5.00pm Fripp Oval, Canal Road Ballina. All welcome!  
Auskick (turning 5 & 6) and U8s play & train  
Friday nights 5.30pm – 6.30pm @ Fripp Oval.  
U9 & U10 play Sunday mornings.  
U12 & U14 play on Sundays.  

Call Paul on 66 874 149 or secretary1ballinabomberjuniors@gmail.com  

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**TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER**  
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, and Spain will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. 

Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!  

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**Ballina Soccer Club**  
**Home of the Seahorses**  

**Junior Sign on information**  
- SAT 16th Feb – 11am-2pm (Saunders Oval)  
- SAT 23rd Feb – 11am-2pm (Saunders Oval)  

**Muster Days**  
- THURS 7th March 4.30pm  
- THURS 14th March 4.30pm  

You can register & pay on-line at www.myfootballclub.com.au  
Or come to one of the sign on days.  

www.ballinasoccer.com.au  

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**Community News and Advertising**  
These advertisements are accepted in good faith and the school does not vet them. Parents are advised to request further information or credentials, if they seek product use or participation in the activity.