Dear Parents and Carers,

"MEET THE TEACHER" EVENING POSTPONED
I am sad to say that tonight’s “Meet the Teacher” evening has had to be postponed due to the bad weather. The sausages are in the freezer and the drinks are on ice until Wednesday 6th March. We hope to see you then.

I would like you to check with your children regarding their morning activities. As you know whilst the school gates are open from 8.00am, playground supervision does not begin until 8.45am, and there is no reason for your child to be here before then. If you need to arrange some sort of Before School Care, I ask that you do this as soon as possible. Similarly, please check with your children as to what they do with their lunch money. It is quite common to see children arriving at school after having visited the shop opposite the high school. Cans of soft drink, milkshakes and family blocks of chocolate are common items bought. Please remember the services that our school provides through the canteen and Breakfast Club.

Lynne Lawson is a former parent who has been involved with the school and the P&C long after her children graduated. Below is an extract of a letter she sent to the P&C.

I hope the Ballina Public School can continue to have a Parents and Citizens Association as it is a great opportunity for keeping up to date on all school matters which ultimately will affect the wellbeing of our children in the community.

Through being a member of the P & C and volunteering in the canteen I have met a lot of people and made a lot of lasting friendships. It has also been an absolute joy to watch the development of the young kindies through to high school.

WANTED: An Aboriginal Parent or Carer
The school's vacant Aboriginal Education Officer position is soon to be advertised, and I am asking for an 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.

Facebook Friends
Thanks to our Community Liaison Officer Dom Coulthurst who is always updating our Facebook pages. We are up to 21 friends!

Thank you to 3/4M who have helped me decorate my office with some of their lovely artwork. Thanks also to Jasmin and Madison who showed me their wonderful writing.

Regards
Peter Flannery
**PBL News**

This week we are focusing on being respectful to all and in all areas.

In classes over the next few weeks we will be looking at a few different areas where respect is expected and the ways that we can show it. Some examples of this are:

- looking at a person if you are speaking to them.
- looking at a person if they are speaking to you.
- waiting your turn to speak.
- listening to the person speaking.

All of the above expectations are things we can practise at home.

Other areas we will be talking about in coming weeks are wearing hats at appropriate times and being at the right place at the right time.

Showing respect by speaking appropriately and listening attentively is a skill we can practise in all situations. As always we encourage our families to discuss our weekly expectations and we would love to hear from families who do this over the coming weeks. Let us know what you did at home to enhance this skill.

Our PBL team met last week and are well on the way to developing our action plan for an exciting 2013.

Yours in bee-haviour
Mrs Parker
PBL Coordinator

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**School Banking**

Remember you need 10 silver tokens to be able to cash in to receive your reward prize. The gold tokens are yours to keep and cannot be used to cash in for prizes. If you have any siblings at home, they can also bank with us, but they will not receive any tokens. If you are going to be away on banking day, you can leave your bank book, deposit slip (filled out please) and money with me and I will bank it for you. I still have some prizes left from last year - penpods, booklights and USB sticks.

Thank you
Banking co-ordinator
Joan.

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**Canteen News**

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

Thanks to Karen for donating a box of bananas, they will be used for baking and of course yummy smoothies.

If you would like to help the canteen but haven’t got the time, you could help by donating items such as - paper lunch bags, plastic spoons, cling wrap etc, or any excess produce from your garden or eggs from your pet chickens. Any help in this matter all help to reduce running costs, which in turn keeps pricing to a minimum.

Thanks in advance for your support.

*Did you know: When you order a healthy sandwich or lavash, you receive a voucher for a free zooper dooper!*

Thanks
Colleen.

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**Ballina Public School Staff Profiles**

Welcome to a new section of our newsletter - Our Staff Profile. Each week you will read some fun and interesting information about one of our wonderful staff. We begin with Mr Flannery our fearless leader:

**Name:** Peter Flannery  
**Position on Staff:** Principal  
**How long have you been at BPS:** Since 2011  
**Other schools/places you have worked:** Wee Waa PS, Clare PS (8 kids!), Killarney Vale PS, Lisarow PS, Ocean Shores PS, Wardell PS, Bangalow PS  
**Favourite movie:** To Kill a Mockingbird  
**Best holiday destination ever:** Fingal Bay  
**Last book I read:** The Bourne Identity  
**What I do for fun:** Play Golden Oldies Rugby  
**Favourite TV Show:** Modern Family  
**Food I can’t live without:** Bananas  
**Where I went to school:** Beacon Hill PS  
**Favourite band/singer:** Mental as Anything  
**Complete this sentence:** I love teaching because: I love seeing kids smile
Yesterday, Tuesday 19th February, Years K-2 were visited by the Responsible Pet Program Presentation.

Thank you to Marie and her dog Monroe for showing us what to do when we come across an angry dog and how to approach a dog.

The students really loved meeting and greeting Monroe and had lots of fun.

Norma
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