Dear Parents and Carers,

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
Parents are often quite rightly worried about instances of bullying, and one of our school expectations is for kids to Be Safe. In fact, this is a right of all students – to be able to come to school and to be looked after, both physically and emotionally. This Friday is National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence and while classes will be signifying this date with activities in class, it is important to note that our school tries to be proactive in teaching our students how to treat each other with respect, fairness and care. This can be seen through our Anti-bullying Plan (available on our website) and through the Positive Behaviour for Learning Program. Further initiatives and information can be found at www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/national-day/ but I think Nick from 3/4D sums it up well. His writing is below, so please make sure you have a look at it.

Attention Year 6 Families
Ballina High School is holding a Year 7 Information Night on the 21st March from 5-7pm. Parents and students are invited along to learn of the 2014 enrolment process and of the great programs that the school runs.

Thanks to Caleb S for the wonderful writing he showed me this week.

Regards
Peter Flannery

“Why Bullies are Bad” - By Nick
Firstly, bullies are bad because they tease people.
Secondly, bullies are bad because they bully little kindergarten kids.
Finally, bullies are bad because they make you feel sad.
No one should be a bully.
Well done Nick!
Ballina Public School Staff Profile

Name: Mr Mac
Position on Staff: I'm one of the Stage 2 (Year3/4), Teachers.

How long have you been at BPS: I've taught at Ballina School for almost four and a half years now and I'm about 163cm tall (or long, horizontally).

Other schools/places you have worked: Let's see; Brunswick, Mullum, Ocean Shores, Crabbes Creek, Bangalow... but I now really love working in our school.

Favourite movie: Having just watched Sherlock Holmes which is unreal, I still reckon my favourite ones are Jabberwocky and Baron Maunchausen, both by Terry Gilliam.

Best holiday destination ever: I've been holidaying in South Golden Beach and Brunswick Heads for the last 20 years or so. Some people think I live there.

Last book I read: It would've been Ruth Park, I've recently discovered Dickens, but the unabridged 'A Little Princess', (also available as 'What Happened At Miss Minchin's'), by Burnett, who wrote ‘The Secret Garden’, is arguably the most enjoyable thing a kid or grown up will ever read.

What I do for fun: Making extremely sure that I consistently have lots of fun.

Favourite TV Show: I used to like Get Smart and Colonel Hogan and remain fascinated with what Sam Raimi (Evil Dead, Spiderman), achieved over eight seasons of ‘Xena’.

Foods I can't live without: The great brekkies at the Breakfast Club at school. You should come along. Also very fond of Weet-Bix and toast and Promite and tomato and real butter.

Where I went to school: In Melbourne and then Newcastle. I'm still going to school at Ballina PS and loving it.

Favourite band/singer: Well, right now I've got Nightwish, Dream Theatre and Tony Bennett on high rotation.

Complete this sentence: I love teaching because for those that read, write, count, leap, dance and think...being alive has meaning. And I'm in the middle of it.

Canteen News

‘Specials’
* Fresh watermelon cups -70c.
* Banana/Mango smoothies will be available this Friday- $1.00
* Look out for extra counter snacks, from -50c.

Thank-you to my trusty volunteers for their extra help & support in the last few weeks. They have been filling some gaps in the roster when needed. If you are able to help out, a little or a lot, you can contact me any time, through the school or text me on 0414347446.

*Did you know ; Our fruit salad is made fresh every day! Yummy Yummy!!

Thanks Colleen.

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P&C Easter Raffle

Yes, it's nearly that time again!!

We are holding our ‘Easter Egg Raffle’ to coincide with the crazy hat day. So we are asking families to donate any kind of Easter treats or gifts, so that we can bundle up some great prizes. The more donations we receive the better the prizes & more chances of winning!

Donations can be handed in at the canteen, any time up until Monday 25th March.

Raffle ticket books will be handed out from next week.

Thanks in advance for your support.

P&C Committee.
11'S Beautiful Artwork
BALLINA HIGH SCHOOL
Year 6 to 7
Information Evening
Thursday 21st March 2013

An information evening for Year 6 to Year 7, 2014 at Ballina High School is to be held on Thursday 21st March 2013, 5.00pm to 6.30pm.

Program:

5.00pm - Welcome and presentation in Hall by Ballina High School staff and students.

5.15pm - Group tours of the school's facilities, displays and opportunities to meet staff.