Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to parents for the positive feedback I have received for my letter to you on Monday regarding aggressive and non-compliant student behaviour. Whilst suspensions of up to 20 days might sound severe to some, I wanted to make it clear to our entire school community that such behaviour will not be tolerated. It is important for our students to understand that we care for them and want what’s best for them because after all they should come to school feeling safe and eager to learn. If you did not receive the letter from me, please contact the school office or you can access it via the school website at www.ballina-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

Australian Curriculum

As we move into transition to the Australian Curriculum from 2014, I would like to provide information on what it looks like and the impact it will have on teaching and learning at Ballina PS. The timeline for implementation of the new Australian Curriculum is:

- 2014 – English
- 2015 – Mathematics and Science & Technology
- 2016 – History

Currently our school is providing learning programs that meet the six Key Learning Areas of the present syllabus and through ongoing professional learning will be transitioning onto the Australian Curriculum over coming years. Part of that teacher professional learning will be an extra School Development Day that is being held on Monday 27th May.

Developing Partnerships

As you are aware we see meeting the educational and social needs of our students as a partnership between the school and its families. The number of parents who joined us for the Meet the Teacher BBQ was very pleasing, and I congratulate those parents who have met with their child’s teacher to discuss the learning needs and goals of their children. I encourage all parents to arrange a time to talk to teachers as these meetings form a major part of individual learning plans that they have for your children.

Further, our school continues to forge wonderful partnerships with other local schools and support services. I am looking forward to some new initiatives for our students and their families in coming months.

Regards
Peter Flannery

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School photo day is Wednesday 27th March.
All envelopes and money to be returned on the day to the class teacher.

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Calendar Update

Assembly is on Friday 22nd March at 2.20pm in the school hall.
5E will be presenting their item this week.
Please come and join us, we would love to see you there.

Student Banking every Wednesday

Thursday 21st March
Kindy Grandparents Morning Tea,
10.15am - 11.00am

Friday 22nd March
Water Fun Day for Kindy

Friday 22nd March
Years 1 - 2 Swimming at the Ballina Memorial Pool, from 9.30am - 12.00pm

Crazy Hat Parade
Thursday 28th March

Bookclub due by Wednesday 27th March

Please note -

Dates for the Easter break: Last day is Thursday 28th March, return to school on Tuesday 2nd April.

Dates for the school holidays:
Last day is Friday 12th April.
First day back is Tuesday 30th April.

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Be safe. Be fair. Be a learner.
**Ballina Public School Staff Profile**

**Name:** Lyn Parker  
**Position on Staff:** Learning and Support Teacher  
**How long have you been at BPS:** 14 years  
**Other schools/places you have worked:** I worked as an Art/ Textiles and Design Teacher at a St Joseph’s High School in Broken Hill and then as an Infants/ Primary Teacher at Broken Hill Public School, Lennox Head Public, Wardell Public and Ballina Public.  
**Favourite movie:** Sahara  
**Best holiday destination ever:** Anywhere with a beach. Fiji.  
**Last book I read:** Family Baggage  
**What I do for fun:** I love to hang out with my family, water ski, attempt to play hockey, fish, read, watch movies, go to the beach  
**Favourite TV Show:** Mentalist  
**Foods I can’t live without:** Mangoes (when they are in season) or vegemite on vita wheats.  
**Where I went to school:** Coffs Harbour Public and Coffs Harbour High School.  
**Favourite band/singer:** Cold Chisel/ John Farnham  

**Complete this sentence:**  
**I love teaching because:** I love teaching because I love to be a part of students discovering new things. It’s an exciting and rewarding experience that is different every day. I love assisting students to be the best they can be.

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**Canteen News**

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

In the coming weeks we will be adding a profile of some of our wonderful volunteers. If you think you would like to come and help out, please make the first step and contact me. It’s not hard and can be very enjoyable, for both you and your children.  

**Name:** Les Prickett  
**Children:** Cody– Year 5 and Kira- Kindy.  
**How often do you volunteer:** One day a fortnight for recess.  
**Best thing about being in the canteen:** Seeing my children’s faces light up, when they see me in the canteen.

**Did you know:** Your children receive a voucher for a free zooper dooper, every time you help in the canteen.

**Thanks,**  
Colleen.

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**Roster for week starting 25/3/13**

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Crazy Hat Parade


Have a look at our Facebook page and BPS website for some memories of last years Crazy Hat parade ... get some inspiration!

Look forward to seeing all our families and friends at "THE BPS" event of Term 1.

Cricket News

On Friday 8th March, Ballina Public Cricket team travelled to Lennox Head to play Lennox Head Public School in the State Cricket Knockout competition.

Unfortunately we didn’t win, but all the boys played to the best of their ability and were fine ambassadors for their school.

Ballina PS - 53
Lennox Head PS - 2/54

Luqis was ‘Man of the Match’ as he batted, fielded and bowled really well. He took 2 wickets!

Thank you to Candy and Lee who helped with transport on the day.

G.Brown
Teacher

PBL Message

This week’s message is the same as last weeks as we are still 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.

The PBL focus for next week will be wearing hats appropriately.

Yours in bee-haviour
Mrs Parker
PBL Coordinator
Paradise FM - Party Rockers KIDS Dance Club is BACK!!

Friday 22nd March 2013

Non-stop dance party entertainment for under 12's!!

2 hours of supervised dance activities - 6:00pm and 8:00pm

For details, tickets and our 2013 calendar of events visit:

www.partyrockersdanceclub.com.au

Hope you can join us at our next event for LOADS of Party Rocker FUN!

Over 300 children in attendance at only 5 events during in 2012!!

Come fly a kite on Sunday 24th March 2013!

You're invited to the Kites and Bikes Festival in Brunswick Heads on Sunday 24th March from 9am to 4pm, the weekend before Easter. This is a magical, relaxing day of eco-friendly kite flying, bike riding and community participation for the whole family, featuring a packed program of kids activities, entertainment and good old-fashioned fun by the seaside.

There's loads of parking, BBQ's for lunch, community stalls and giveaways. There's a bike decorating workshop and parade, kite-making workshops, giant kites and the amazing spectacle of the community fly-in on the foreshore at 2pm. Plus there's performances from Circus Arts, the Samba Blistas, Buckley Family Band, Ukulele sing along, a jumping castle, face painting and much, much more.


CALLING ALL YOUNG AFL STARS

Come and join the Ballina Bombers Juniors AFL Football Club. Especially under 10's (turning 10 this year).

Training started for all ages from 5 to 14 years.

Call 0432673955 for information.