Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you would be interested in the results of a survey that our Community Liaison Officer Dom Coulthurst ran recently. All she did was ask sixty different people from the community this question:

“What is your first thought when I say “Ballina Public School?”

The results were to me not overly surprising…:

46% of people surveyed responded that they knew nothing of about Ballina Public School
34% had positive comments – such as: “centre of Ballina”; “A lot of fun”, “good”, “Decent education”
20% responded negatively – such as: “not a good experience”, “divided community”, “not favourable”

So now it’s your turn - “What is your first thought when I say “Ballina Public School?”

Please email your responses to peter.flannery@det.nsw.edu.au or feel free to give me a call. I hope to use the data gathered to plan initiatives to improve our standing in the community.

Student Exemptions
Thank you to parents and carers for ensuring that their children are attending each day. Thank you also to families who are applying for exemptions from school for extended absences such as family holidays. A reminder that the last day of school for Term 1 is Friday 12th April, and that normal classes and quality lessons will be in place until then.

ANZAC Day
ANZAC Day falls during the holidays this year, being the Thursday of the second week. I would like to ask you to put the date in the calendar and have your child participate in the Ballina ANZAC march and service. The number of students participating in the march and service over recent years has been extremely pleasing, and I look forward to our captains leading a large group of us again. A reminder note will be sent home next week.

Our school will be holding our own ANZAC service on Thursday 11th April at 10.00am, and all are invited.

Regards
Peter Flannery
From the Councillor’s Pen

Expect a child to achieve: Having high expectations for children to achieve academically and in other ways encourages them to do their best. Let the child know that you are proud of them for trying their best, not for coming first in something.

Canteen News

‘Specials’ -
* Fried Rice is available to order, $2.00 a serve.
* Banana/Mango smoothies will be available Friday - $1.00
* Look out for extra counter snacks, from -50c.

Slushy’s - Are no longer available until Term 4. We don’t sell them in the colder months for obvious reasons, sorry for any inconvenience.

Thanks
Colleen.

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Name: Amy Watson
Children: Dylan - Year 6
How often do you volunteer: Usually Thursday mornings. But I am flexible & have come in on other days.

Best thing about being in the canteen: Being able to escape household duties for a short time! Also love socializing and having a laugh.

(It’s never too late to start in the canteen, Amy has only started this year. With only this year left in Primary school, Dylan still enjoys seeing his Mum in the canteen.)

Ballina Public School Staff Profile

Name: Johanna Presgrave
Position on Staff: Assistant Principal
How long have you been at BPS: 1 Term

Other schools/places you have worked: Newrybar, Wardell, regional literacy consultant and many years ago I taught in ‘the big smoke’ Sydney

Favourite movie: For the Love of the Game

Best holiday destination ever: Cruising the Bahamas! Or anywhere with great food and LOTS of shopping

Last book I read: I will read anything – love books

What I do for fun: travel when we can – We enjoy camping (or glamping=glamour camping)

Favourite TV Show: The Big Bang Theory – I think Sheldon is the most entertaining character on TV

Foods I can’t live without: My weakness is chips, and dips, and cheese, and cabanossi, and ..... get the picture I am a snacker

Where I went to school: Sylvania Heights PS then St George Girls HS

Favourite band/singer: I am more of a play a favourite song till a new one tickles my out of tune sing a long. But at the moment I am listening to Adele

Complete this sentence:
I love teaching because: I believe that we can make a difference, I can still remember the names of my PS teachers because they had such a positive impact on me
**PBL Message**

The PBL message is all about respect and has been for most of the Term. There are 3 areas of respect that we have been focusing on.

1. Speaking appropriately to all.
2. Wearing hats in appropriate places (take off inside).
3. Being in the right place at the right time.

All of these behaviours require students to show respect.

On the Eastside it has been fantastic in the Breakfast room as I have witnessed students making great choices when asking for things and manners being used in all occasions. Well done.

Caps are not allowed at school, as they are not school uniform. However some students choose to wear them to school and remove them as they walk in the school gate. Well done to those students. All students have been removing their hats at assemblies and in the classrooms. This is showing respect.

This week we are focusing on being in the right place at the right time. Make sure you go to class when the bell goes. You will be showing respect to our school expectations of being safe and being fair, as well as making good use of your learning time, so being a learner.

Next week on Friday 12th April we are going to have a Yellow Day. Yes you can wear all your favourite yellow clothes, bring a gold coin donation and have some fun. The money will go towards maintaining our PBL program.

Remember Be Safe, Be Fair and Be a Learner.

Lyn Parker
PBL Coordinator

**Roller Skating - Stage 3**

As of Wednesday 3rd April, we have 12 children who have paid and brought their notes in for Roller Skating. We were hoping we would have 60 or more children who have met the requirements to attend the excursion.

Your child would have been given a note if they were eligible for the excursion. If they have a permission note, could they please be returned with the money to the office by Monday 8th April.

I will be taking final numbers on this day and I hope we have the number of students so as the excursion can proceed.

G. Brown

**Woolworths Earn & Learn 2013**

This year, once again we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school - and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Monday 8th April to Sunday 9th June, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn points. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn point for every $10.00 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn points onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn points sheet (included with this newsletter). When point sheet is complete, place into the collection box here at the school or at your local store. Spare sheets may be collected at the school office if required.

At the end of the promotion, we will be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students - including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts and Craft, Sport and for our library. If you would like to know more, visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

**P&C News**

Thanks to everyone who bought and sold raffle tickets and to those who donated Easter gifts to make this year a great raffle with 30 lovely prizes. Total money raised was close to $1400.00. Well Done!! This will go towards P&C school projects.

Thank you.
P&C Committee.
### Congratulations to our Royal Bees

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Be a bee! Be cool! Be safe!
Crazy Hat Parade
During Senior Citizens Week, Kindergarten students invited their grandparents to visit them in their classroom. The visitors were greeted at the door and invited to help the children with their work and to listen to them read. The children then served their visitors and Mr Flannery with morning tea. It was a lovely morning and Kindergarten and their teachers enjoyed spending time with the grandparents.