Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school’s 2012 Annual School Report is now available for parents via our school website. It is a comprehensive report on areas such as attendance, enrolments, staffing, finance, curriculum and the school’s progress towards targets in 2012. Thank you to Mrs Karen Scott who wrote the P & C message included in it.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
The dates for the annual assessments for Year 3 and 5 students are coming up:
- 14th May – Language Conventions and Writing
- 15th May – Reading
- 16th May – Numeracy

Parents and carers of students in Years 3 and 5 should have received further information about this yesterday. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss this further.

School Upgrades
I am sure you will be pleased to hear that the Department has set aside funds to improve our buildings’ guttering and drainage this year. This work will occur over coming months. As well as this I have applied for funding to upgrade the canteen benches and cupboards, and am hoping for approval soon.

ANZAC Day
As you are aware 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. Please have your child in correct school uniform, meet me and staff at 10.15am near the old post office on the 25th.

Thanks to our school leaders who ran today’s school ANZAC ceremony. It was very moving.

School Development Days
As you are aware school ends for Term 1 on Friday. There will be a School Development Day on Monday 29th April where staff will be looking at ways to improve performance as well as our new Reporting to Parents Program.
On Monday 27th May another School Development Day is being held, when staff will be continuing the implementation of the Australian Curriculum for 2014.

Congratulations to Noah, Joshua, Bree, Taya, Skye, Justine and David from Year 2 who came to show me their quality handwriting this week. Well done Kids!

Have a lovely holiday with your beautiful children!
Peter Flannery
NEW NAME FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

We would like a new and creative name for the Ballina Public School newsletter. Put on your thinking caps and get creative with words … what can you come up with? Please fill out the form below and bring into the office or email your name and newsletter idea to: ballina-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

NAME:

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:

MY IDEA FOR A NEW NAME FOR THE BALLINA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER IS:

Ballina Public School Staff Profile

Name: Debbie Rapp
Position on Staff: SLSO
How long have you been at BPS: A long time.
Other schools/places you have worked: Rous PS & Southern Cross
Favourite movie: Safe Haven
Best holiday destination ever: AUSTRALIA!
Last book I read: Safe Haven
What I do for fun: Play Golf
Favourite TV Show: Raising Hope
Foods I can’t live without: Roasts and chocolate
Where I went to school: Londonderry Public, Stanthorpe Public and Ballina High
Favourite band/singer: Lady Antebellum
I love working at BPS because: I love the kids and I love the staff.

From the Counsellor’s Pen

Develop a positive parenting style: This includes modelling behaviour that shows an interest in learning new things, not being afraid to make mistakes and learn from them and having the discipline to finish difficult tasks before having fun.

Breakfast Club News

What a wonderful atmosphere we have in the Breakfast Room each morning. It is space for children to get some breakfast or top up from an earlier breakfast at home. It is like being at a big family kitchen table with everyone quietly chatting and gentle laughter… it is a perfect way to start the day.

We are so grateful to our supporters: Ballina Bargain Centre, Essential Energy, Brookfarm, NORCO and Brumbies Bakery for their wonderful contributions. Also a BIG thank you to Irene Mueller and Mandy for volunteering, ensuring that our Breakfast Club runs smoothly.

Happy, safe and healthy holiday wishes,

Breakfast Club Team.

School Zone Parking

NO PARKING

Fine exceeds $147.00 and attracts a penalty of two demerit points.

What does it mean? You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle at all times.

Why is it there? To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children.
Congratulations to our Royal Bees

Mina 1I
Age: 6
Hobbies: Swimming
Favourite Movie: The Croods
Favourite Colour: Blue
Favourite Food: Carrot
Best thing about being a royal bee: Sitting up on the stage

Lucinda 2F
Age: 7
Hobbies: Physical Dance
Favourite Movie: Total Drama
Favourite Colour: Black
Favourite Food: Peaches
Best thing about being a royal bee: Everything

Sasha 1I
Age: 6
Hobbies: Running
Favourite Movie: Real Steal
Favourite Colour: Purple
Favourite Food: Pizza
Best thing about being a royal bee: Being first in line

Bree 2F
Age: 7
Hobbies: Barbies
Favourite Movie: Barbie
Favourite Colour: Blue
Favourite Food: Mini pies
Best thing about being a royal bee: Being in the newsletter

Reuben 2F
Age: 6
Hobbies: Soccer
Favourite Movie: The Amazing Spiderman
Favourite Colour: Red, green, blue
Favourite Food: Pizza
Best thing about being a royal bee: My bee on the beehive

David 2F
Age: 7
Hobbies: Soccer
Favourite Movie: Spiderman
Favourite Colour: Blue
Favourite Food: Chips
Best thing about being a royal bee: Sitting up on the stage

Alexandria 2F
Age: 7
Hobbies: Skipping
Favourite Movie: Aqua Marine
Favourite Colour: Aqua marine
Favourite Food: Cake
Best thing about being a royal bee: Having my photo up in the foyer

Mattaya 2F
Age: 7
Hobbies: Handball and skipping
Favourite Movie: My Little Girl
Favourite Colour: Light blue, red
Favourite Food: Apple, strawberry
Best thing about being a royal bee: Sitting up on the stage

Noah 2F
Age: 9
Hobbies: Soccer
Favourite Movie: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
Favourite Colour: Blue
Favourite Food: Pizza
Best thing about being a royal bee: Sitting on the stage

Lilly 2F
Age: 7
Hobbies: Feeding the cat
Favourite Movie: The Lorax
Favourite Colour: Purple
Favourite Food: Bubblegum, pizza
Best thing about being a royal bee: Having my bee on the beehive

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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 rings. 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

Canteen News

YELLOW DAY- This Friday 12th April.
To coincide with Yellow Mufti Day, the canteen will be selling Yummy YELLOW Treats during lunch time. These include -
* Ice cream in a cone with yellow sprinkles.
* yellow cup cakes
* yellow fruit
* Banana smoothies & MORE!!!

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: Alison Mann
Children: Jarrah - Year 5

How often do you volunteer: Friday mornings. Also fill in when Colleen is away, and when I am needed.

Best thing about being in the canteen: Being able to meet other teachers & staff, and to see how the school runs during the day.
(This is Alison’s 4th year in the canteen. She originally started with a friend, they volunteered on the same day & had a lot of fun.)

BPS Website and Facebook Page

What a wonderfully exciting and colourful Term it has been. Over the holidays have a look through our photo gallery on our Ballina Public School Website and “Like” our Facebook page. You can keep up to date with happenings in the school and community by simply logging into either of these sites. Teachers will also be placing classroom activities and work samples on our website so you can get a glimpse of what is happening inside your child’s classroom. You will find us at:

Find us on: facebook®

P&C News

Next Term, we will be starting a ‘Coffee Club’, FREE for any interested parents or carers. This will be held every fortnight on Thursday afternoons before ‘after school pick-up’, from 2.30 - 3.00pm, outside the west canteen. Good excuse for a chat, catch up & great opportunity to meet other families, while enjoying a refreshment, including biscuit or cake.
First ‘Coffee Club’ will be in the first week back, Thursday 2nd May. Hope you can join us.

A big Thank you to one of our lovely Mums, Nichole Hyde who donated some gorgeous gifts for our Mothers Day stall.
(Mothers Day Stall will be on Tues. 7th May).
Cross Country

[Images of children running and enjoying the cross country event.]

[Images of children waiting in line, running, and celebrating.]
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.

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**Holiday Activities in Ballina**

Looking for fun and interesting things for the kids in the school holidays... visit the Ballina Shire Council website (http://www.ballina.nsw.gov.au) and click on the link to ‘School Holiday Activities’ and also “Celebrate Ballina Shire Councils Environmental Heritage Festival 2013” for a fantastic list of activities offered in our shire. There will be a ‘pop-up shop’ at 153 River Street – near the Wigmore Arcade - from Tuesday 23rd April until Saturday 27th April where the council is hosting some fun and creative workshops for children and adults. Kids who drop in on “Water Wednesday” for badge making and a look at water bugs will be in the running to win a mini iPad from Rous Water. Make sure you check out the website and book in for the workshops as they are sure to fill very quickly.

**Hook in2 Hockey**

Hook in2 Hockey is a beginner hockey program that teaches kids between 5 and 12yrs passing, dribbling and shooting skills essential to the sport of hockey as well as incorporating lots of fun games and activities. Hook in2 Hockey is being run after school at various locations across the Northern Rivers including Goonellabah, Alstonville, Ballina & Casino. For $35.00 each child receives an equipment pack (including hockey stick, ball, shin guards, pop up goal, jersey and DVD) and 4 weeks coaching. Programs are set to commence in Week 2 Term 2 of School so get in early to book your place.

For more information please contact the Game Development Officer Joe at fnchockey1@hotmail.com or on 0413642361.

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**STS Student Exchange**

STS Student Exchange are seeking Aussie families who are busy, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family. Aussie families come from all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds, that’s what makes us our country. Our volunteer host families provide meals, a bed and treat their host son or daughter as a member of their own family. Exchange students have their own spending money and medical insurance. While your exchange student is learning about Australian culture, your family members will learn about theirs. What a great way for your children to learn about another country!

Call us today to start your adventure! 1300 263 964 or email us at stsf@people.net.au Website: www.sts-education.com.au

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