Dear Parents and Carers,

In this our final newsletter for 2013 I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of Mrs Cheryl Matthews and the office staff for its production each week. Having been associated with schools and their written communications for nearly thirty years, I am in a good place to make judgement and so can say that “The Hive” is easily the best (certainly the most colourful!) Congratulations and thank you, Cheryl.

Celebration Days
We are truly looking forward to our special Celebration Days that are coming up. Like last year, as well as a couple of special prizes for each class, all students will be recognised for their efforts and progress. As well as this, each year will be putting on an item for you to enjoy. The timetable is as follows:

- **Friday 13th December**
  - Kindergarten Celebration 10.15am
- **Friday 13th December**
  - Year 1 & 2 Celebration 12.15pm
- **Friday 13th December**
  - No regular Friday assembly
- **Monday 16th December**
  - Year 3 & 4 Celebration 9.30am
- **Monday 16th December**
  - Year 5 & 6 Celebration 12noon
- **Monday 16th December**
  - Whole School Assembly 2.00pm

Class Structure 2014
For your advanced information I have attached an overview of the proposed class structure for 2014. As I have regularly said, whilst plans are in place and we are very well prepared for next year, these could change and are solely dependent on the number and breakdown of student enrolments. As such this plan cannot be confirmed until part way into Term 1 2014.

A Final Word…
To the families who are leaving us, best wishes for your future. To our new families, welcome to our school – please join in where you can. To our continuing families, keep it up! To the whole Ballina PS community, thank you for making our school so special.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays!

Peter Flannery

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**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Achievement Night**

This Thursday night marks our inaugural Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Achievement Night. This is a night to celebrate the year that was and reward the students for their huge efforts throughout the year. It is to be held in our school hall between 5:30pm and 8:30pm.

This is intended to be a community event as much as it is a school event making it open for all to attend. Dinner will be provided on the night.

We look forward to seeing you there to help us celebrate.

Eli Cook
Aboriginal Education Officer

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Ballina Public School respectfully standing on Bundjalung Land
### Congratulations to our Royal Bees

**Michael 3/4Mac**  
Age: 9  
Hobbies: Happy Wheels  
Favourite Movie: Grown Ups  
Favourite Colour: Red  
Favourite Food: Pizza  
Best thing about being a royal bee: Everything

**Jenny 3/4C**  
Age: 8  
Hobbies: Drawing and colouring in  
Favourite Movie: Albert and the Chipmunks  
Favourite Colour: Pink  
Favourite Food: Fruit  
Best thing about being a royal bee: Doing good work

**Maddy 3/4C**  
Age: 9  
Hobbies: Swimming  
Favourite Movie: Beetle Juice  
Favourite Colour: Gold  
Favourite Food: Pizza  
Best thing about being a royal bee: Sitting on stage

**Seth 3/4C**  
Age: 9  
Hobbies: Soccer and football  
Favourite Movie: Avatar  
Favourite Colour: Red  
Favourite Food: Chocolate  
Best thing about being a royal bee: Being a leader

**Kenneth 3/4C**  
Age: 11  
Hobbies: Xbox  
Favourite Movie: Bleach  
Favourite Colour: Yellow  
Favourite Food: Mango pie  
Best thing about being a royal bee: Everything

**Sophe 3/4T**  
Age: 10  
Hobbies:  
Favourite Movie: Pitch Perfect  
Favourite Colour: Blue  
Favourite Food: Passionfruit  
Best thing about being a royal bee: Everything

**Caleb 3/4C**  
Age: 9  
Hobbies: Cricket, soccer and AFL  
Favourite Movie: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs  
Favourite Colour: Green  
Favourite Food: Meat pie  
Best thing about being a royal bee: Everything

**Bronte 3/4T**  
Age: 10  
Hobbies: Swimming  
Favourite Movie: Dumb and Dumber  
Favourite Colour: Pink  
Favourite Food: Mango  
Best thing about being a royal bee: Everything

**Jordon 3/4C**  
Age: 9  
Hobbies: Playing cricket and football with my brother  
Favourite Movie: Wild Cats  
Favourite Colour: Yellow  
Favourite Food: Chicken pasta  
Best thing about being a royal bee: Everything

**Bianca 3/4T**  
Age: 10  
Hobbies: Scouts and driving tractors and cars  
Favourite Movie: The Grinch  
Favourite Colour: Blue  
Favourite Food: Chocolate with apple  
Best thing about being a royal bee: Everything

**Dayle 3/4T**  
Age: 9  
Hobbies: Running and swimming  
Favourite Movie: Smurfs  
Favourite Colour: Red, black and yellow  
Favourite Food: Pizza and apple  
Best thing about being a royal bee: Being in the newsletter

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DShanti 3/4T
Age: 9
Hobbies: Climbing trees and computer games
Favourite Movie: The Simpsons
Favourite Colour: Pink
Favourite Food: Ice blocks
Best thing about being a royal bee: Sitting on the stage

Tandia-Jay 3/4T
Age: 8
Hobbies: Riding my bike and playing the PS3
Favourite Movie: Harry Potter Series
Favourite Colour: Every colour
Favourite Food: Sushi and ice-cream
Best thing about being a royal bee: Having a time and sitting on stage

Lizzy 3/4Mac
Age: 9
Hobbies: Running
Favourite Movie: The Simpsons
Favourite Colour: Pink and purple
Favourite Food: Chocolate
Best thing about being a royal bee: Being in the newsletter

Library News

I love handing out Awards for reading. This week my final 16 awards were presented to students from all classes who have borrowed, read and returned over 20 books in the past Semester. Well done.

Mrs Streader

BPS Choir

Last Thursday 6th December, our school choir performed at the Ballina Twilight Markets. Well done to all the choir members, your performance was fantastic! Thank you to Marielle who held the music sheets for Mrs Drinkwater, as it was a very windy afternoon.

Canteen News

As the end of year approaches fast, I will be running stocks down to a minimum. In doing so, this may cause some items to run out of stock before the end of year. Sorry for any inconvenience if this occurs.

This week's 'Meal Deal' - 'Crunchy Salad' - salad tub, flavoured milk, homemade cake or slice, plus a prize - $5.00.

I would like to thank all our volunteers that have helped throughout the year. It was wonderful to meet some new mum’s and dad's, as well as continuing working with familiar faces who keep coming back! Without all of you the canteen would not be able to operate, and I would be very lonely!!! Meeting new people is the best part of my job. Hope you can join me again next year, for another fabulous year.

If you would like to help out next year, have fun and meet new people, you can contact me through the school, or Ph/Text my mobile, 0457 641431.

Good luck to all the year 6 students, as they venture to High School.

Hope you all have a wonderful break, see you next year.

Colleen.
Our Trip to Movieworld
### 2014 Class Structure

#### KA
Mrs Amanda Taylor (18)

#### KM
Ms Marion Thwaites (18)

#### K/1N
Mrs Jenny Noble (20)

#### 1/2S
Mrs Sue Davie
Mrs Michelle Stock (20)

#### 1/2W
Mrs Wendy Ball*
Ms Lana Williams (20)

#### 1/2
New Teaching Position (20)

#### 3/4T
Ms Christy Thatcher (26)

#### 3/4E
Ms Bronwen Eady (26)

#### 3/4W
Ms Stephanie Whalan (25)

#### 5/6T
Mr Greg Thomas (25)

#### 5/6B
Mr Graham Brown
Mrs Melanie Franklin (25)

#### 5/6S
Ms Mary Stevens (25)

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**Assistant Principal**
Operations & Wellbeing
Johanna Presgrave

**Assistant Principal**
Curriculum
Janet O’Shannessy

**Principal**
Mr Peter Flannery

**Library**
Mrs Julie Streader

**Music RFF**
Mr Simon McLean

**Admin**
Ms Sam Gibson
Mrs Renee Endres
Michelle Murnane

**CLO**
Mrs Dom Coulthurst

**Learning and Support**
Mrs Lyn Parker
Johanna Presgrave
Janet O’Shannessy

**Reading Recovery & Music**
Mrs Amanda Drinkwater

**AEO**
Mr Eli Cook

**School Learning and Support Officers**
Australian Seabird Rescue will be holding talk and tours of our sea turtle hospital on 6th January on weekdays at 10am through until 24th January.

The cost of the tours are $5 per person and go for about an hour.

Address - 264 North Creek Road Ballina.