Dear Parents and Carers,

I sit here today and write the final newsletter for the year and for me as Acting Principal. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time this year sitting in the chair in Peter’s absence and would like to thank everyone for their support during this time. It’s been a wonderful experience for me and I’ve learnt a great deal and have thoroughly enjoyed it. Peter will be returning to Ballina Public School as Principal in January 2015 and we all look forward to having him return.

Sadly Mrs Jenny Noble and Mrs Sue Davie will retire at the end of this year. Both ladies have been working at Ballina Public School for many years. Their knowledge, wisdom, caring, thoughtful and humorous nature will be missed greatly by all staff and students. We wish them all the best in their retirement years ahead. Congratulations to you both!

Staffing positions for 2015 have been finalised and are as follows:

**The Kindergarten and Stage 1 team will be led by Janet O’Shannessy – Assistant Principal**
- Kindergarten (KM) – Marion Thwaites
- Kindergarten (KA) – Amanda Taylor
- Years 1 & 2 (1/2O) – Janet O’Shannessy
- Years 1 & 2 (1/2M) – Simon McLean
- Years 1 & 2 (1/2W) – Stephanie Whalan
- Band/Choir and Reading Recovery – Amanda Drinkwater

**The Stage 2 team will be led by Lyn Parker – Relieving Assistant Principal**
- Years 3 & 4 (3/4H) – Ian Hardy
- Years 3 & 4 (3/4F) – Melanie Franklin
- Years 3 & 4 (3/4N) – Vanessa Nelson
- Dance & Drama RFF teacher – Felicity Murphy

**The Stage 3 team will be led by Greg Thomas – Assistant Principal**
- Years 5 & 6 (5/6L) – Len Janzen
- Years 5 & 6 (5/6C) – Mary Cameron
- Years 5 & 6 (5/6T) – Greg Thomas
- Librarian/RFF teacher – Julie Streader

Bronwen Eady will be working in the Learning and Support Teacher role K-6. Bernadette Kelly will be working in the Learning and Support Teacher role K-6 in a part-time capacity.

Enjoy the weekend,

Janet O’Shannessy
Acting Principal
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Band and Choir News

Ukuleles

If your child has a school ukulele on loan, can you please ensure that this is returned to the school by Monday, December 15th (week 11) so that an instrument stocktake can be completed. Thank you kindly.

Band and Choir

Thank you to the band and choir members for all of your hard work this year. The choir have 2 performances remaining this year, the first is at the Riverside Carols at Kingsford Smith Park on Sunday 14th December at 6.30pm (wearing School uniform and Christmas bling!) and the second is at the whole school presentation assembly at 10am on Monday 15th December. The band will also perform at this assembly, as well as presentation of choir and band awards. Students who have not paid first term band fees (or a part thereof) will need to return their instruments to the band room on this day. Once again thank you for all of your hard work.

Warm Regards
Amanda Drinkwater

Meet our students

NAME: Chelsea M
YEAR: 6
CLASS: 5-6F
MY FAVOURITE MOVIE: Men in Black 3
WHAT I DO FOR FUN: Play with my friends
MY FAVOURITE FOOD: Chocolate
MY FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Home and Away
MY FAVOURITE BAND: Justice Crew
MY FAVOURITE SUBJECTS: Sport and art
I LOVE COMING TO BPS BECAUSE… I get to see my friends

A big Happy Birthday to these special people, who have birthdays this week, and for the rest of December...

Caiden, KA
Emilie, 1-2H
Jamaiya, 1-2H
Mia, 1-2H
Misty, 1-2S
Oliver, 1-2S
Katelyn, 1-2S
Elleemae, 1-2M
Mullaya, 1-2M
Mikayla, 3-4T
Laura, 3-4W
Hope, 3-4E
Jay, 3-4E
Mikaere, 3-4W
Joan, 5-6S
Bonnie, 5-6S
Mauleen, 5-6F
Lydia, 5-6T
Brandon, 5-6F

We hope your day is a very special one!!

Congratulations! The winner of the canteen volunteer draw, is Alison! She has won a $20 Coles/Myer gift card. Well Done!

THANK YOU To everyone who has supported the canteen this year, we have had a very successful year. A Special Thank You to everyone who has volunteered their time in helping me run the canteen, without you the canteen would not survive! Also a big thank you to the P&C Members for their support and who are always there when I need them.

If you would like to come and help in the canteen next year, please let me know, I would love to hear from you.

Good Luck to all of year 6. It’s been a pleasure serving you since Kindergarten!! I hope you enjoy the next phase in your life.

Have a wonderful Christmas break, looking forward to seeing you in 2015.

Colleen. 0457 641431
Thank you to all who attended the Year 6 Farewell night at Ballina Public School. It was a fantastic night, and everyone had a great time. Thank you to the parents who brought along delicious dishes to share, our teachers really appreciated it. An extra big THANK YOU goes out to Mrs Cameron, Mr Thomas and Mrs Franklin for organising the whole event. Farewell Year 6 of 2014, Ballina Public School wishes you all a bright and happy future!
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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Keyboard / Piano lessons

Keyboard for Christmas? Are you aged between 6 and 96 years of age??
Have you always wanted to know how to play the piano/keyboard or just brush up your existing skills? Maybe you or your child would like to come and try a few lessons in Ballina.

Lessons are an individual half hour (unless you have 2 children and then I am flexible). If you or your child has an additional need I also very willing to try and make my lessons suitable and enjoyable for them.

If you would like more information about me and my qualifications they will be emailed to you separately.

Lessons are $25 pay as you go and no obligation to book in for a term.
Contact Sharee on 0412693551 or email me shareem59@hotmail.com

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