Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware it is compulsory for school-age children to be enrolled at and attend school. In fact, children should be at school 100% of the time, with the only valid reason for non-attendance is illness or approved family leave. Our school takes non-attendance very seriously because our students need consistent and regular education for them to thrive. A missed day here or there may not seem much, but they do add up and lead to vital learning to be missed. I encourage you to ensure that your child attends school every day. If your child is unwell, or if you are undertaking approved family leave, please send a written explanation on the day he or she returns to school.

Friday Folders
As you can see, our school information has come to you today in our “Friday Folders”. These are an initiative that has been put in place to enhance our school-home communication systems, and to ensure you receive important information promptly. Please:

* Look out for the folder EACH FRIDAY
* Read what’s inside
* Return the folder EACH MONDAY, even if it’s empty
* Excursion notes and money still need to come back via the black payment box in the school office

Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow
Thank you for supporting Mrs Taylor as she raises funds through “Shave for a Cure”. Already the students have been enjoying fruit cups and cakes, and she will be going under the hairdresser’s clippers during the school assembly next Friday 14th March. We ask that the children wear crazy hair and bring a gold coin donation on this day, and there will be a sausage sizzle too.

Skoolbag App
We are now up to 83 Skoolbag app users. Come, join in the fun! Search for “Ballina Public School” in your app store.

Regards
Peter Flannery
Band and Choir News

**BAND**
There will be no Thursday morning combined band this week (6th March) or Monday rehearsals for all band students (10th March) as I will be away on long service leave.

Everyone is going so well, so keep up the good work with rehearsing at home - I can really see some beginners who are going to fly through the repertoire. Such a pleasure to work with this keen group of children who go home and do the practice that is needed to keep the momentum going. Please continue to facilitate these practice sessions at home for your children, they really improve when you do! Please also remember to fill in the practice record sheet, there will be prizes for the most consistent and the most improved at the end of the term.

**CHOIR**
Thank you so much to all of the parents who have been so prompt with payment of fees and returning notes. Thank you also to the students who are busy selling fundraising chocolates to help our choir make it to Sydney.

I will be handing the CD’s and books out to the students next Thursday 13th March (our next rehearsal). Please ensure that your notes and money are returned by this date so that your child is not at a disadvantage. There are many students who have returned their permission note but have not paid the fee. This fee will need to be paid by Thursday 13th March. It is vitally important that your child has paid fees and returned their note, and if they haven’t, regretfully they will be unable to attend rehearsal sessions. Please contact the office to discuss student assist or help from the P & C if paying the fee is a problem.

Warm Regards
Amanda Drinkwater
Banking News / IPad Competition

School Banking every Wednesday, make sure you get your bank book to your teacher in the morning. Seniors, you can drop your books into the canteen. Thank you for banking.

Keep collecting the tokens for the IPad competition out of the Northern Star, and help BPS win a set of 10 IPads!

Did you Know: Nudi Juices are Made from 100% fruit.

Next week's Meal Deal: ‘Chunky Chicken Wrap’ - 1/2 Chicken & Salad Wrap, Nudi Juice Popper, Cookies, plus a prize. $5.00.

Canteen News

P and C News

COFFEE CLUB
All Parents & Carers are welcome to join us for afternoon tea, every 2nd Thursday from 2.30-3pm, near the Canteen. Next Coffee Club will be Thursday 20th March. It’s a great opportunity to catch up, have a chat and meet other families from our school, also have an informal chat with Peter Flannery. Hope to see you there.

EASTER RAFFLE-
We are asking for any donations of anything Easter themed that can be used to make up hampers. Any donations can be handed into the canteen.
*You should have received a book of raffle tickets. All tickets & monies are to returned to the canteen, with your Childs Name & Class, by 9th April. Additional raffle books are available from the canteen, if required. Thanks for you support, P&C Committee.

Next week we are talking about being a learner in the library. The library is a great place to visit with your class or at lunchtime. You can quietly read a book, do some research, look at interesting websites on the computer or maybe even play a game on the computer.

There are so many great activities to do in the library, and there are some expectations that you need to follow so that everyone can be a learner when they visit the library.

The expectations of being a learner in the library are treat the books, computers and other library equipment with respect. This means you need to put things back where they were, like books, pencils and chairs. Work quietly so you don’t disturb other people in the library and ask for help if you are having trouble with something.

Following these expectations will help you to be a learner in the library.

Remember Beejay Bee says BE SAFE, BE FAIR, AND BE A LEARNER AT BALLINA PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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