Dear Parents and Carers,

May I take this opportunity to congratulate the school’s new P & C Executives who were elected on Monday night. Congratulations to:

President          Karen Scott
Acting President   Cate Byers
Vice President     Lindzi Moore
Secretary          Karen Oxland
Treasurer          Sarah Carden
Canteen Convenor   Alison Mann

As for previous committees, these ladies are keen to ensure that our school receives the best support from its parent body. I look forward to a fruitful and prosperous relationship with them.

**Annual School Report**
The 2013 Ballina PS Annual School Report is now available. It reports on the success of school programs and the progress towards school targets and future directions. It also provides a financial summary of the school. It can be viewed via the school website, but if you would like a copy of your own, please contact the school office.

**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**
Thanks to the efforts of Mrs Stephanie Whalan, Ballina Shire Council and the school’s eco-warriors, we are now a school that separates its rubbish. Each classroom, learning space and the eating areas now have three bins – one for organic waste (green bin), recyclable products (yellow bin), and other waste (red bin). Already the students are doing really well to stop and think about which bin their rubbish goes into. One possible way for you to help is to buy in bulk and to wrap food in foil rather than cling wrap. Thanks for your support.

**Friday Folders**
Congratulations to all students and their families for embracing the Friday Folders so well. From what I could tell, they really improved the number of newsletters that actually made it home, and the number of folders that were returned on Monday was very pleasing. Keep it up!

By the time you read this message, Mrs Taylor, Mr Thomas and I have gone under the hairdresser’s clippers for Shave for a Cure. The whole school community is to be commended for getting behind this cause, with funds already well over the targeted $500.

Our PBL message for this week is “Being in the Right Place”

Regards
Peter Flannery
Aboriginal Education News

Meet Our Students

NAME: Jarrah
YEAR/CLASS: Year 6, 5/6C
MY FAVOURITE MOVIE: UFO Hunters
WHAT I DO FOR FUN: Catch lizards and listen to ‘Guns and Roses’
MY FAVOURITE FOOD: Chocolate
MY FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Futurama/The Simpsons
MY FAVOURITE BAND: Guns and Roses
MY FAVOURITE SUBJECTS: Spelling
I LOVE COMING TO BPS BECAUSE… It’s Fun

Next Thursday, 20th March, Ballina Public School will be hosting a Yarn Up for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families. The Yarn Up is to be held in our Aboriginal Resource Room from 10am.
This is a chance for families to come in for a feed, and have a chance to meet some of our staff. We would particularly like our newly enrolled Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to come along. That is families with students in Kindergarten and those who are new to our school.
I look forward to seeing you there.
Eli Cook
Aboriginal Education Officer

Year 7~BHS~2015

Ballina High School will be holding an ‘Introduction of Year 6 into Year 7 for 2015’ evening on Tuesday 18th March from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, for parents and students.
There will be a presentation in the hall followed by a tour of Ballina High Schools KLA learning spaces. This is a great opportunity to come along and experience first hand the fantastic facilities available at Ballina High School. All year 6 students and their families are welcome.

Banking News / IPads

Banking Day for students at BPS is every Wednesday. A reminder to senior students, you can drop your bank book into the canteen on the west site of a morning before school starts.
If you are going to be away, you needn’t miss out on banking! Just complete the required slips in advance, and leave a note to let us know.
Thank you for banking.

The coupons that we have been collecting from the Northern Star for a chance to win a set of 10 IPads are building up! Keep on cutting them out and bringing them in!
PBL Message

Our PBL message for week 8 is being fair in the playground by being in the right place at the right time. In following this expectation we will do these things:

- Stay in the inbounds areas.
- Sit in the eating area when eating.
- Play under the COLA (covered outdoor area) if you don’t have a hat.
- Go to the toilet
- Move to your class lining up area when the bell goes.
- Wait quietly for your teacher.

Please have a chat with your child about this expectation, as your support at home is very helpful in maintaining our PBL message.

Yours in Bee-Haviour

The PBL Team

Stratheden P.S. Centenary

Stratheden Public School is celebrating 100 years, 1914~2014, on Saturday, 12th of April, 2014, starting at 10a.m. All past students and their families are invited to attend.

Please RSVP:

Stratheden Public School
710 Stratheden Road, Stratheden 2470
Ph: (02) 6667 3266
Fax: (02) 6667 3241
Email: stratheden-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Kindergarten Photos

‘My First Year 2014: A Pictorial Memento’ will appear in the Northern Star on Wednesday, March 26th, with a photograph of every Kindergarten class, from every school in our region. If you would like to pre-order copies of this edition, please contact Vicki Alexander on 66200506 or email vicki.alexander@northernstar.com.au
The cost of each copy is $1.20

COFFEE CLUB

All Parents & Carers are welcome to join us for a free afternoon tea, every second Thursday from 2.30-3pm, near the Canteen. Next Coffee Club will be postponed until Thursday 27th March. It’s a great opportunity to catch up, have a chat, and meet other families from our school, as well as have an informal chat with Peter Flannery.
Hope to see you there.

EASTER RAFFLE

We are asking for donations of anything Easter related that can be used to make up hampers. Any donations can be handed into the canteen. The more donations we receive, the more prizes we can have to be won! Thank you to all those families who have already donated goods.
All sold and unsold raffle tickets and monies are to be returned to the canteen, clearly labeled with your child’s name and class, by 9th April.
Additional raffle books are available from the canteen, if required.

Thanks for your support,
The P & C Committee

Canteen News

During next week, we will be changing ice cream companies to Peters. We will have Billabongs, Lifesavers, and Icy Poles. Streets products will still be available until sold out!

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

Did you Know.... You can order a Watermelon Cup for 70c.

We still have a few vacant spots in the roster. If you would like to help out for an hour or so, weekly or fortnightly, you can contact me on the school number 66862205 or call/text my mobile, 0457 641431.
Looking forward to hearing from you.
Colleen.

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You’re Invited to
PIRATE CAMP
A HOLIDAY CLUB FOR K-7 STUDENTS HELD AT
BALLINA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MONDAY 14TH, TUESDAY 15TH & WEDNESDAY 16TH OF APRIL
9:00AM - 3:00PM EACH DAY
CHILD: $7 per day & $17 for 3 days
FAMILY: $12 per day & $40 for 3 days
Morning Tea Provided
Bring: Lunch and a Hat
Each day the Best Dressed Pirate will get a prize
Go online or call Holly to register: 0401 323 246
www.ballinachurch.org.au/ pirate-camp

ThemeParks.com.au
Our School Ticket Sale

Village Roadshow Theme Parks is offering our school community a limited time ticket offer. Simply visit ThemeParks.com.au/promocode and enter our promocode “CPC014” to gain access to these tickets offers.

*Terms & conditions apply, offer valid until Friday 4th April 2014

Child Care Vacancy

Multitask Family Day Care
265 River Street Ballina, 2478

We have places available for
2 Children (5mths-4years) from 8am to 5pm
On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday,
and for 2 children on Friday, (5mths-4years)
from 8am to 3pm only.

We also have places available for Vacation Care

During School Holidays

Please contact Nancy on
02-66866697 or 0447273817
Or find us on Facebook at
265-River-Street-Family-Day-Care

Belly Buttons
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151 River St, Ballina, NSW 2478
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www.bellybuttonsboutique.com.au

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