Dear Parents and Carers,

You are probably the same as me and have trouble keeping up with all the special days/weeks/months that communities hold, and having to choose which ones to support and celebrate is getting more and more difficult. For us as Australians it is especially so, despite the fact that we are the most generous charity supporters in the world. It just so happens that there are several important events on our radar as we speak…

*Congratulations to Amanda Taylor, her sponsors, school staff and all the children and their families. The Crazy Hair Day in support of Shave for a Cure was a wonderful success.*

*Yesterday was Close the Gap Day, and despite the generous nature of Australians and the wealth that our country possesses, the life expectancy of Aboriginal people is 17 years less than non-Aboriginal people. Are we really the “lucky country”?

*Today is Harmony Day and the message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.*

*Earth Hour is happening on the 29th March. Imagine the amount of energy (and therefore the environment) we would save if all lights and appliances across the world were switched off, even just for one hour. On the 28th March classes are going to be working without classroom lights.*

*ANZAC Day is on the 25th April (99 years since Gallipoli) and this year, is during the Term 1 holidays. We will be holding an ANZAC service on Thursday 10th April to commemorate this.*

Our wonderful P & C are eager to spend some of the money they raised last year (over $4000 in fact), and would like your thoughts on their ideas. There is a short survey about this included in today’s Friday Folder. Please offer your thoughts by completing it and returning it in the folder on Monday.

Finally, yesterday was World Happy Day. Make sure you stop, smile and be thankful for everything that brings you joy.

Regards

Peter Flannery
Principal
Leukaemia Foundation ‘Shave for a Cure’

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE! WE RAISED A TOTAL OF … $1708.55 FOR THE LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONS FOR ALL YOUR HELP.

* Woolworths, River Street
* Cherry Street Butchery
* Top Cuts Hairdressers
* Saint Mary’s Craft Group
* Year 3/4 Whalan (Icecup sales)
* Year 6 (Sausage sizzle)
* Kindergarten (Cake stall)
* Staff and Students at Ballina Public School

An extra special thank you to Mr Flannery and Mr Thomas for being as brave as me!

Amanda Taylor, Kindergarten Teacher

PBL Message

In week 9 our focus for PBL will be, being fair and a learner in scripture and non-scripture.

When we go to both scripture and non-scripture we can demonstrate being fair by:

* Listening to the teacher,
* Putting our hand up to speak
* Using nice words when we ask or say something
* Walking quietly to the room.

We can demonstrate being a learner by:

* Following all instructions,
* Putting our hand up to speak if we don’t understand something
* Completing all set tasks.

If we all follow these expectations we will be fair and will be learners at scripture and non-scripture. Please talk to your child about these school PBL expectations and help us to reinforce positive behaviours.

Yours in behaviour
The PBL Team
Congratulations to our Royal Bee!

Kiesha  1/2S
Age: 6
Hobbies: Running, Hip-Hop and Dancing
Favourite Movie: The Little Mermaid
Favourite Colour: Light Blue
Favourite Food: Strawberries
Best thing about being a royal bee: Being able to sit up on the stage

School Photos

Today, in the red folder, you will receive home an envelope from Classic Colour Studios, for school photos next week. Photo Day will be Thursday, the 27th of March. Please read this envelope carefully, as it gives detailed instructions on how to order and pay for your child’s school photos. For family photos of your BPS students, please pick up a yellow ‘Family’ envelope from the front office. Please note: The completed envelope, and money/credit card details, is to be brought to school on the day, for your child to give to the photographer.

P & C News

Next Coffee Club will be Thursday, 27th of March. All parents and carers are welcome to come along and share a free afternoon tea, and a chat. It’s a great opportunity to meet new people from our school. Hope to see you there!

EASTER RAFFLE Only 3 more weeks!!
Thanks to those families who have already donated Easter eggs, very much appreciated. We are still in need of a lot more to make up hampers. All donations can be handed in to the canteen by Tuesday, 8th April
* All sold/unsold raffle books are to be returned to the canteen, with your Childs Name & Class, by 9th April. Additional raffle books are available from the canteen, if required.
Thanks for your support,
P&C Committee.

Health Alert

NSW Health is warning school communities that there has been a recent increase of whooping cough (pertussis) cases amongst children at school. Whooping cough starts as a runny nose and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection is spread to others nearby by coughing. It is a very serious disease in young babies, and has caused two recent deaths in newborns in Australia.
If your child has a cough it is very important to keep them away from babies. If your child has symptoms of whooping cough, including a persistent cough, which may be especially bad at night, please see your doctor and take this notice with you.
Antibiotics given early in the illness can prevent spread to others. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. More information for school communities is available at www.health.nsw.gov.au and click on the whooping cough link.

Canteen News

PETERS ice creams are here.
Billabongs - Choc or Triple Swirl $1.40
Icy Poles - Lemonade or Raspberry $1.00
Lifesavers - $1.00
Smooze & Zooper Doopers are still available.
Please note, we no longer have the Streets varieties.

Next weeks Meal Deal ‘Curly Wurly Pasta’
Pasta with vegetarian Sauce, flavoured milk, Zooper Dooper, plus a prize. $5.00.

Did you Know: Zooper Doopers are in fact Quelsh Fruit Sticks, made with 99% fruit juice.

COMMUNITY MEETING

WHEN: 24/03/2014
TIME: 10am
WHERE: ABORIGINAL RESOURCE ROOM, BALLINA PUBLIC SCHOOL

This letter is to Advise of a meeting open to all members of the aboriginal community

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the development of Aboriginal Dance in the Ballina/Cabbage Tree Island area

Canteen Roster

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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

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 “CFC014” to gain access to these tickets offers.

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

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