Dear Parents and Carers,

A major component of school funding is equity loadings, where disadvantaged schools receive more funds than a school in a more wealthy area (an example might be a school from an isolated country town compared to a school in Sydney). We receive quite a deal of funds through the equity loadings, and these contribute to items such as our class size policy and our learning assistance programs. For these loadings to be given accurately, the Department uses data from student enrolment information. It is vital that our data is accurate, so I ask that if there has been a change in your family situation (new job, loss of job, separation etc) would you please contact the school. This information will remain confidential.

Thank you to parents who have responded to the P & C survey about their funding priorities (It is not too late to collect a survey from the school office). This type of feedback is important as all views are considered when making a final decision. It is timely to remember the great work our parent body has done in recent times to support our school.

Mrs Parker and I enjoyed spending Tuesday afternoon at Woodenbong Central School where we presented our school’s Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) journey. This is our school’s student wellbeing system featuring BJ the Bee, Being Safe, Being Fair and Being a Learner, student levels and rewards and the consistent consequences they face for unwanted behaviour. It was really nice to be able to present our school in such a positive light, as well as to recognise the change that PBL has made to our school’s culture since it began in 2007. This is a credit to the hardworking PBL team, supported by other staff and parents. To support this program, we love it when the PBL message for each week makes it home and that you are able to discuss it with your children.

Next week’s focus area is: Being Fair by Showing Respect to Others.

Regards
Peter Flannery
Congratulations to our Royal Bees!

Meet our Students

Jacob
Age and Class: 6, K-1 N
Hobbies: Playing footy and cricket
Favourite Movie: Transformers
Favourite Colour: Blue
Favourite Food: Ice cream
Best thing about being a royal bee: You go in the newsletter.

Jennifer
Age and Class: 6, K-1 N
Hobbies: Play on the trampoline
Favourite Movie: Barbie
Favourite Colour: Rainbow
Favourite Food: Ice cream
Best thing about being a royal bee: You go in the newsletter.

Sukhneet
Age and Class: 6, 1-2 H
Hobbies: Colouring in
Favourite Movie: Princess
Favourite Colour: Pink
Favourite Food: Apples
Best thing about being a royal bee: You get to be at the front of the line.

Rachael
Age and Class: 8, 3-4 T
Hobbies: Playing soccer
Favourite Movie: Simpsons
Favourite Colour: Yellow
Favourite Food: Spaghetti Bolognaise
Best thing about being a royal bee: Being up on stage.

Banking News

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. Students in years K~4 your books will be collected from your classrooms.

If you have a younger brother or sister at home, they are welcome to start banking with BPS as well. See Joan Gibson for details.
Thankyou for banking.

IPad Promotion

The end of the IPad promotion through the Northern Star is very near it’s end, with the last tokens appearing in the paper next week. The final day is March 31st, so until then, keep collecting those tokens! Thankyou to all those who have brought tokens in so far, as soon as the promotion is complete, we will let everyone know exactly how many BPS was able to collect.
PBL Message

Next week our PBL message is all about being fair by showing respect to others. There are lots of ways we can show respect, and at Ballina Public School we can do this in the following ways:

~ When we are speaking with someone we use appropriate words and tone.
~ We use the students and teachers names when speaking to them.
~ We face the person when speaking.
~ We listen when being spoken to.
~ We only touch our own belongings.
~ We take turns.
~ We follow the school rules of being Safe, being Fair and being a Learner.

Please have a chat with your child about this expectation and help us reinforce our Positive Behaviour for Learning message next week.

Yours in Bee-haviour
The PBL Team

Family Portrait Day

Our Photographic Fundraising Day for BPS, on Saturday, April 5th is approaching fast, and we need to finalise our photographic schedule. Please return your details and $10 payment to BPS or contact Joan Gibson on 0418 471767 to book your photographic session.

Eco Warriors

Last Monday Kevin Byers and Karen Oxland donated their morning to give our vegie garden a make over. They have done a fabulous job and the garden looks a good ten years younger.

A huge thank you from all the teachers and students and a special Cooooeeeee! from the Eco Warriors.

Canteen News

ICECREAM CONES
Next Friday, April 4th. $1.00 each.

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 week's Meal Deal ‘Curly Wurly Pasta’. Pasta with Vegetarian Sauce, Flavoured Milk, Zooper Dooper, plus a prize. -$5.00.

Did you Know: We use Brumby's bread & rolls, which are delivered fresh everyday.
Why not have your favourite sandwich toasted.
Colleen. 0457 641431

Canteen Roster

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