Dear Parents and Carers,

**Your Local School**

Deciding where to send children to school is a major decision for parents. From time to time new enrolments come to our area and look at the choices available, or parents look to change schools for whatever reason. Similarly, as Year 6 students move into secondary school, parents are asked to make an *Expression of Interest* to attend a particular school. However, all NSW government schools have local enrolment areas (or “zones”) and your child’s permanent residential address determines which school your local school is.

*Expressions of interest* for non-local places are available and are considered by a placement panel within the school. This panel uses a range of criteria to decide whether a non-local place will be offered, and discuss the application thoroughly with the “zone school”.

I would be very happy to discuss this further with parents. Please contact the office to arrange a suitable time.

**ANZAC Day**

As you are aware ANZAC Day falls during the holidays this year, being the Friday of the second week. I would like to ask you to put the date in the calendar and have your child participate in the Ballina ANZAC march and service. The number of students representing our school in the march and service over recent years has been extremely pleasing, and I look forward to our captains leading another large group of us again.

Please have your child in their best school uniform meet me and staff at 10.30am near the old post office on the 25th of April.

**End of Term Activities**

With Term 1 already coming to a close, there are some special events coming up next week:

- **Tuesday 8th:** School Cross Country Carnival. Students to meet at BPS and walk to Missingham Park, where the event starts. All students who turn 8 or over this year are participating
- **Thursday 10th** School ANZAC Service, 10.30am. Parents and visitors welcome
- **Friday 11th** Last day of Term 1
  - Crazy Hat Parade 1.45pm

Next week’s focus area is: *Being Fair by showing respect to others.*

Regards

Peter Flannery
Congratulations to our Royal Bees

Declan
Age and Class: 7, 1-2W
Hobbies: Writing
Favourite Movie: Meat Balls 2
Favourite Colour: Yellow
Favourite Food: Milo Starz
Best thing about being a royal bee: I get to see my class from the assembly stage

Jennifer
Age and Class: 8, 3-4E
Hobbies: Art
Favourite Movie: A.B.C 3
Favourite Colour: Blue
Favourite Food: Cake
Best thing about being a royal bee: That you are a Champion!

Koby
Age and Class: 9, 3-4E
Hobbies: Going to the pool
Favourite Movie: Grease
Favourite Colour: Red, blue green and purple
Favourite Food: Ice-cream Cake
Best thing about being a royal bee: Sitting on the stage

Jemima
Age and Class: 8, 3-4E
Hobbies: Swimming and playing with friends
Favourite Movie: The Incredibles
Favourite Colour: Yellow and Purple
Favourite Food: Fruit or cookies
Best thing about being a royal bee: Being in the Newsletter

Marley
Age and Class: 9, 3-4E
Hobbies: Footy and Cricket
Favourite Movie: Jaws 3
Favourite Colour: Red
Favourite Food: Pies
Best thing about being a royal bee: The Royal Bees rewards

Milly
Age and Class: 9, 3-4E
Hobbies: Running
Favourite Movie: Frozen
Favourite Colour: Green
Favourite Food: Watermelon
Best thing about being a royal bee: Everything!

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

Banking News

The Banking Team would like to remind parents and students that bank books are collected every Wednesday morning for processing. Books can be given to Joan up until 1:30 pm on Wednesday but preferably need to be handed in at the morning bell to the class teacher. No child’s bank book will be able to be collected after 1:30 on Wednesdays as all banking processes have been finished by this time. Thank you for your support.

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 Competition

The closing date for collecting the IPad tokens was last Monday the 31st of March. As a school community, we managed to collect a whopping 2290 tokens! We don’t know yet if we have collected enough to be the successful winner of the IPads, but we will let all our helpers know as soon as we do. Watch This Space!
Kindergarten Excursion

On Tuesday, Kindergarten visited Summerland House in Alstonville, it was an exciting day! The students saw avocado trees, and where the avocados were sorted and packaged. They also saw Macadamia trees, and the big shed where the macadamia nuts are sorted. Finally, they were shown where hydroponic tomatoes are grown.

Lots of fun was had in the playground, and playing team building games with Mrs Byers. Thanks to the parents who came along with us, Melanie, Joanna and Brioney for all your help on the day.
The Kindergarten Teachers.

P and C News

COFFEE CLUB
All Parents & Carers are welcome to join us for free afternoon tea, every second Thursday, from 2.30~3:00pm, near the canteen. Next Coffee Club will be Thursday, April 10th.
It's a great opportunity to have a chat and meet other families from our school, as well as have an informal chat with our Principal, Peter Flannery. Hope to see you there.

EASTER RAFFLE
The raffle for Easter Hampers will be drawn after the Crazy Hat Parade, Friday, April 11th.
Good Luck! 🍃

*It's not too late to donate for the hampers, you have until Tuesday, April 9th. The more donations we get, the more prizes to be won!
Thank you in advance.

EXTRA PRIZE DRAW
Children who have brought back their raffle books (sold or unsold) will go into a separate draw for a lucky prize. So, if you haven't already, make sure you hand them in to the canteen by Wednesday, April 9th, with your child’s name and class.
Thanks for your support, P&C Committee.

Canteen News

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

*We are still looking for volunteers to help in the canteen. If you are able to help out next term, please contact me. I would love to hear from you.
Thanks Colleen. 0457 641431

Did You Know Every time you volunteer in the canteen, your children receive a free Zooper Dooper! You also go into an end of term draw!

Please Note
Next Tuesday, April 8th, years 2 to 6 will be out of the school at our annual BPS Cross Country. Due to this, the canteen will be closed for lunch orders. However, the canteen will be operational for counter purchases at both lunch and recess.

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Village Roadshow Theme Parks is offering our school community a limited time ticket offer. Simply visit ThemeParks.com.au/promocode and enter our promocode “CPC2014” to gain access to these tickets offers.

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

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