Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those students and staff who participated in the Ballina ANZAC Day March last Friday. It is really pleasing to see our students and their families pay their respects to soldiers past and present. I always get a thrill walking down River St behind our school banner and, even though we are often outnumbered by students from other schools, we seem to get the biggest cheers from the crowd! A big thank you also to our Ballina Public School Band for performing at the ceremony to such a high standard.

At Monday’s School Development Day, staff were provided with training in the school’s upcoming implementation of its IPad program. I can’t wait to see this technology enhancing the learning for your children. As well as this, they completed compulsory training in Emergency Care, Child Protection and Chemical Safety.

**Year 5 Opportunity Class Placements 2015**

Opportunity Classes are provided at various schools to cater for those students who are excelling in their education and who perhaps require extension or acceleration. Over recent years, several of our students have attended the OC class at Alstonville PS, and there is another one at Goonellabah PS. If you have a child moving into Year 5 in 2015 and who you think would be suited to this program, please contact me at school.

**NAPLAN 2014**

Parents of students in Years 3 and 5 would have received further information about the upcoming NAPLAN assessments (13th-15th May). Please ensure that your child attends school on these days.

Finally, I would like to announce that I will be taking leave from next Monday, until the 19th May. In my absence Mrs O’Shannessy will be relieving as Principal, ably supported by Mr Thomas, Mrs Streader and Mrs Parker as Assistant Principals.

Regards

Peter Flannery
PRINCIPAL
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Aboriginal Education News

Jarjum’s and Families Deadly Learning Time

Next Wednesday, 7th May, Bunjum Aboriginal Cooperative in partnership with the Local Ballina CTI AECG will begin trialling a Jarjum’s and Families Deadly Learning Time at the Ballina Aboriginal Child and Family Centre, 10 Hayman St West Ballina from 3:45pm to 5pm. This project targets Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary aged students and will be run much like a ‘Homework Centre’. Students have the opportunity to complete homework tasks and improve their learning ability.

This is a chance for students to access computers, printers and the internet outside of school hours. There is also the opportunity for children and carers to take part in cultural activities.

All children wishing to attend must be accompanied by a Parent/Caregiver. **We need Parent /Caregiver support to make the program run successfully.**

For more information please contact Deborah or Nita by phoning 66865644

I hope to see you there.

Eli Cook

Banking News

Since the introduction of the School Banking program at Ballina Public School in 2011, it has been run with great success thanks to the efforts of their School Banking Co-ordinator, Joan.

Of the 280 students attending the school, almost 180 students are now participating in the program, with 80-90 of these students banking each week. Here, Joan shares how she helps encourage and reward the good savings habits of students at Ballina Public School through the School Banking program:

- *Presentation of a 'Student Banker of the Week Award' with the student's photo published in the school's weekly newsletter.*

- *Hosting a school barbeque twice a year for the top 40 student bankers. Joan also invites along her School Banking Specialist, Laura Fowler, and a member of the Dollarmites gang to help celebrate with the students.*

- *In Term 1, the local Branch Manager, Gary, with the help of Joan, promotes the School Banking program, and Ballina Public School, in the Ballina branch with a delightful display.*

- *At the Kindergarten Orientation Days, Joan dresses up as one of the Dollarmites gang and visits the new Kindergarten students and their parents to promote the School Banking program.*

**Congratulations Joan on an outstanding effort on bringing the School Banking program to life for the students at Ballina Public School.**

NAPLAN Yarn Up

Next Friday, 9th May, Ballina Public School will be hosting a Yarn Up for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents whose students will be taking part in NAPLAN, which begins on the 13th May.

The purpose of the Yarn Up is to provide some information to parents about NAPLAN and how they can best support their children over the three day period. This will be an informative session and will be highly beneficial for parents to attend. Look forward to seeing you there.

Eli Cook
Aboriginal Education Officer

School Banking continues this term as always, on a Wednesday. Seniors, please drop your bank books off to the canteen in the morning before the start of school bell, Juniors hand your bank books to your teacher early in the first session, they will be collected from the classrooms.

Thankyou for banking
Next Week’s ‘Meal Deal’

**Rice Power**- Fried rice, juice popper, Frozen Smooze, plus a prize. $5.00.

**Did you know:** You can bring your apple to the canteen to get a FREE Apple Slinky.

*We are still looking for volunteers to help in the canteen. If you would like to join the ‘canteen team’ this term, please contact me. I would love to hear from you.

Thanks
Colleen. 0457 641431

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### Canteen Roster

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### BPS Cross Country

The Ballina Public School Cross Country was run last Wednesday, with great success! Everyone had fun and the weather was perfect for the event. Congratulations to all those who participated, and good luck to the champion athletes who will go on to represent our school at the District Carnival.

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### Mothers Day Stall

The P&C will run a Mothers Day stall this Tuesday, May 6th. Quality gifts will be available to purchase. Prices range from 50c to $7.00.

If you would like to help with the stall, from 9.15am to around 11am, please see Colleen at the canteen, or call her on her mobile 0457 641431.

Have a wonderful Mothers Day,

P&C Committee

### School Zone Parking

Once again, we have been reminded of the importance of observing School Zone parking laws. These laws are in place to protect the lives and safety of our young people. Council rangers will be patrolling our area, and will issue penalty infringement notices for illegally parked or stopped cars. Please be aware of:

* No Stopping Zones
* Pedestrian Crossings
* Bus Zones
* No Parking Zones
* Drop off/Pick up Zones

Please see the Ballina Shire Council Media release included in the Friday Red Folder for more information regarding these laws. Thanks for keeping our kids safe.
Well done to all those who participated in the Crazy Hat Parade, with their whackiest head wear! Thankyou to all the parents and carers who came along to join in the fun, and who put so much effort into creating some of these works of crazy art!

Thank you to those students and staff who came along to represent Ballina Public School at this years ANZAC Day march, keeping the ANZAC tradition alive. A special thankyou also to Mrs Drinkwater, and our School Band, who sounded amazing. You are all a credit to our school.
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