Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with excitement and trepidation (and of course a little bit of sadness) that I announce that I have been appointed to relieve as Principal of Southern Cross School K-12 from now until the end of Term 3. This position will be a huge challenge, with a total of 900 students K-12 attending the school, plus over 500 students attending Distance Education through the school. There is over 200 staff who attends the school each day! This is a temporary situation and I intend to return to our school in Term 4. In the meantime Mrs O’Shannessy will relieve as Principal here, ably supported by Mr Thomas, Mrs Streader and Mrs Parker as Assistant Principals. I look forward to keeping in contact with the school and the students over the next few months.

Sorry Day
Thank you in advance for your support of Sorry Day on Monday. This is always an important item on the country’s continuing reconciliation agenda. Congratulations to the school’s Aboriginal Education Committee for the work they have put in.

Public Speaking Competition
Best of luck to all students for the upcoming class, stage and school public speaking competitions. The final next week is sure to highlight this very important part of our students’ literacy skill.

Good luck to our boy’s rugby league team who are playing in two carnivals next week. Thank you to Mary Cameron, Lee Jonsson and Eli Cook for the work they have put into the team.

Regards
Peter Flannery
Principal

Ballina Public School respectfully standing on Bundjalung Land
## Congratulations to our Royal Bees

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Izaac
Age/Class: 7, 1-2H
Hobbies: Playing football and cricket
Favourite Movie: Lego Movie
Favourite Colour: Red
Favourite Food: Chocolate
Best thing about being a royal bee: Being a leader

Adibah
Age/Class: 7, 1-2W
Hobbies: Playing with my friends
Favourite Movie: Barbie
Favourite Colour: Rainbow
Favourite Food: Tomato soup
Best thing about being a royal bee: Sitting on the stage at assembly

Barry
Age/Class: 6, 1-2W
Hobbies: Playing hide and seek
Favourite Movie: Madagascar
Favourite Colour: Red
Favourite Food: Noodles
Best thing about being a royal bee: I get to sit on the stage

Elleemae
Age/Class: 8, 1-2W
Hobbies: Playing with my cousins
Favourite Movie: Turbo
Favourite Colour: Black
Favourite Food: Spaghetti
Best thing about being a royal bee: Being on the stage at assembly

Hamish
Age/Class: 10, 3-4T
Hobbies: Running
Favourite Movie: Identity Thief
Favourite Colour: Blue and red
Favourite Food: Cake
Best thing about being a royal bee: Seeing my picture on the hive

Rayisha
Age/Class: 9, 3-4T
Hobbies: Running, painting and drawing
Favourite Movie: Lego Movie
Favourite Colour: Pink and blue
Favourite Food: Cake
Best thing about being a royal bee: Sitting on the stage

Manly Selective Campus Concert and Stage Band

Early in term 2, BPS was lucky enough to have the Manly Selective Campus Concert and Stage Band visit. The whole school went along to enjoy a free performance, which was enjoyed immensely. Thank you to those wonderful students who shared their skills with us on that day!
Gold Coast Titans
As part of our attendance program this year, I have continued with the process of rewarding our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who attend school on a regular basis. This term we were lucky to receive a special gift from the Gold Coast Titans NRL club who were kind enough to give us 21 free children’s passes for their upcoming game against the Penrith Panthers. The 21 students who received these passes had incredibly high attendance rates with 10 of them yet to miss a day of school this year.

Ballina Public School would like to congratulate:
Brendan, Samantha, Rachael, Susan, Tykia, Mullaya, Thomas, Daemon, Jenny, Ethan, Jackson, Jamaïya, Kiesha, Joshua, Mattaya, Tyler, Marley, Tandia-Jay, Emma, Tre, and Paige.
Well done to all of you.

Eli Cook
Aboriginal Education Officer

Banking
The school banking team were very excited to receive a new shelter tent for the school from the Commonwealth Bank, which was won in a recent school banking competition. On Tuesday, representatives from the bank, and a special guest, Pru, presented the shelter to the school. Thank you to the Commonwealth Bank and to all the school bankers for their efforts.

A new competition for term 2 will begin shortly. Information regarding this competition has been sent home to banking families. Thank you for banking.

The Banking Team

Canteen News
SPECIAL ORDER DAY, THURSDAY May 29TH.

Hot Baked Potato - Only $4.00! The choice of toppings are Hawaiian (ham, pineapple, cheese) or Savoury Mince.

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

Did you know; Nudie Juice Poppers come in 4 flavours and are 100% fruit!

*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

Canteen Roster

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Band and Choir News

Choir

The choir is powering along with some beautiful repertoire now under their belts – there are still plenty of songs on the CD which need work so please keep your children practicing with their CD’s. Thank you to the 5/6 parents who have returned their Sydney note and deposit. The students attending this excursion will be expected to attend a cluster rehearsal at Goonellabah Public School on Monday 2nd June. This rehearsal is mandatory and your child should have received a permission note for this. Our choir will be supporting 8 of their own solo singers at next week’s Sorry Day Assembly (Monday 26th May). Ask your child if they are one of the soloists! Parents are very welcome at this assembly.

Manly Selective Campus – Concert Band and Stage Band

At the beginning of this term our school was lucky enough to be treated to a free performance from a high school band from Sydney. The children thoroughly enjoyed this performance and were particularly enamoured with their “Frozen” Compilation. Thank you so much to Craig and his team for a wonderful morning, we look forward to your next trip north!

Southern Cross High School Musical

Earlier in the term, a group of band students attended the Southern Cross High School musical held at Players Theatre. I would like to congratulate our students on their impeccable audience behaviour and congratulate the students of Southern Cross for their brilliant, original drama and music. Their renditions of Thriller, Smooth Criminal, Smells Like Teen Spirit and many more absolutely enthralled the audience – we thoroughly enjoyed it.

Musica Viva

On Tuesday this week our school enjoyed the angelic tones of the three ladies who make up the very talented group “Gypsy Tober”. This music has formed part of the music program taught at the school and the children have really enjoyed some of the interesting activities that accompany the resources. During the live performance, students were taught about some interesting and unusual percussion instruments as well as listening to, and joining in with, some beautiful a’Capella singing.

Junior Band

There is some real improvement in some of the students, however a lot of that is happening because of the work that we are doing at school. Please help your children to be organised at home with their practice schedule. If you find your child is plateauing with their playing, please understand that this is totally normal, practice is what gets them moving and motivated again. Junior Band members should be working on their scales and continuing on with their practice from their folders (or standard of excellence books). Please remember to fill out their Practice Record Sheets so they can show how hard they have been working. I get all kinds of excuses about how busy children are – but very few are honest about their own attitudes, please be assured that you will need to help facilitate their practice regime, otherwise in most cases it won’t happen. If my mother had let me quit the amount of times I asked, there is no way I would be doing this job now, or enjoy success in so many instruments. Please persevere, trust me – they will thank you for this one day!

Senior Band

The senior band, though small is powering along. We have decided to perform “Mission Impossible” at the Coastal Kids Concert this year (July) so your child should be perfecting that. It is tricky because there are 5 beats in each bar – we are very used to 4, so 5 can be difficult. We will also be looking at choreographing a dance routine for a small group to go along with the performance. If your child is in stage 3 and might be interested, please encourage them to see me at school.

Other songs the senior band are currently working on are “Little Talks”, “Zoot Suit Riot”, “Rock around the clock” and “Greased Lightning”. Please encourage your child to keep up with their practice. If your child does not have these songs in their folders (many forget them and use my copies so it is difficult to know) please make sure they ask for copies of these during rehearsals.

Yours musically

Amanda Drinkwater ♪

The wonderful Gypsy Tober Performance, ‘Cooking with Gas’
Young Mums Well Being Program

Bunjum’s Families First Program together with the Goorie Sports Program are hosting a Young Mums Well Being Program. The program will run over 8 weeks doing various different exercise programs such as:

- Water Aerobics
- Gym equipment
- Spin cycle classes
- Zumba

Where: Ballina Fair Swim n Gym
When: Starting Monday 19th May 2014
Time: 11:30am - 12:30pm

There is a supervised CRECHE available at the gym. As numbers are limited, please contact Nina at Bunjum Co-op on (02) 6685644 to confirm your place. Also if you require transport as well.

Bunjum’s Families First Program is funded by the Department of Families & Communities

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