In this issue we have some great stories that you will enjoy reading.

Have fun!

On Thursday the 29th May we held the Public Speaking competition at the school.

We had students give a speech from each stage. Everyone did a fabulous job!

Here are the winners from each stage:

Kindy: Archie. His speech was about ‘No one should say unkind things’.

Stage 1: Mikayla. Her speech was about ‘No more bullying’.

Stage 2: Ruby. Her speech was about ‘If I could change anything it would be my family’.

Stage 3: Jack Byers. His speech was about ‘Kindness in the playground’.

Interview with Jack:

Were you nervous? A little bit.

Was it a shock to win? Yes, it was.

What would you say to others who want to get up and have a go at Public Speaking? Stay calm, it’s great to get up on the stage.

There you go. If anyone wants to do Public Speaking next year, have a go because it is worth it and now you have advice from the winners themselves.
Here are some brilliant poems from 5\6T:

Ballina Public School

I like my toast each morning
But they don’t have jam
Too bad!
By Anita

Laughing and playing is fun
I've got lots of friends
Good friends
By Jade

Rain
Rain is cold and wet
It is nearly winter time
Pitter patter, drums

Winter
Winter, winter cold
Weather is cold every day
Winter winter win

Rain
Rain Rain go away
Rain is wet and it's a cold day
Rain Rain stop right now

I can’t wait for the school holidays. It has been a great Term at school but very busy and I am looking forward to having a break!

The first thing I am looking forward to is sleeping in!!! I live on a farm and am really looking forward to mowing the lawn with our ride on lawn mower. This is one of my favourite things to do. I also love to ride my motorbike around our farm.

I hope everyone has an awesome holiday.

By Dean.
Our Ballina Public School Choir has had a wonderful year so far, singing at the markets and rehearsing for Sydney but just lately our BPS Choir had a concert held at the Ballina RSL. It was a great experience for all the young singers and dancers. Our school choir sang ‘Took the Children Away’ and ‘Go For Gold’, also as a combined choir with five other schools we sang ‘Here Comes the Sun’, ‘House at Pooh Corner’ and ‘Oye La Musica’. Everyone went to the RSL during school hours to practice and I must say Mrs Drinkwater and Mrs Parker did an excellent job walking us to the RSL.

I asked Aaisha some questions about the choir:

**Aaisha do you like being in the school choir and why?**

Yes, because it is fun and the places we go are fantastic.

**Are you looking forward to going to Sydney?**

Yes because my birthday is during the trip and we are going to an actual zoo!

**Do you like Mrs Drinkwater?**

Yes I think she’s a lovely teacher and everyone else is lovely too.

Written by Chelsea D

The other day the Ballina Public School Band went to the RSL for the Coastal ids performance very early in the morning and practised their 2 songs they were going to play later on in the day. The 2 songs they were practising were ‘Mission Impossible’ and ‘Little Talks’.

After that the choir came with Mrs Parker and we got to watch a great performance.

Keep up the great work the BPS Band, can’t wait to see your next performance. By Paige
This past week Year 6 went to Lake Ainsworth!

They stayed for 2 days and participated in a number of activities including – sailing, archery, rock climbing, canoeing and night games for those students who stayed overnight.

Everyone had their own special experiences and will surely treasure them forever. Here are some great photo’s!
Our favourite activities were Archery and Sailing.

**Brianna’s experience** – In archery I got 2 yellows and almost got the bulls eye. I had a fantastic time! I got to stay overnight as well in a cabin with Tykia, Jasmine N and Jasmine.

**Paige’s experience** – We lost control of our steering in sailing and landed in a swamp full with weeds. We pretended that there were crocodiles in the water and Jade jumped out of the boat to get away from the croc’s. It was such a great time and if you ever get the opportunity to go grab it quickly because you’ll have an amazing time.

Thank you to Mr Thomas, Mrs Cameron and Lee for putting this great excursion together, it was so much fun.

Special thanks to those teachers who gave the students not staying overnight lifts to Lake Ainsworth in the mornings, it was much appreciated.

Story by Brianna and Paige!
Why did you want to breed stick insects?
To get some money to buy some Xbox games.

Do you like catching insects?
Yes, I like catching insects.

What is your favourite insect?
My favourite insect is the dragonfly.

Was it fun to breed them?
Yes it was very fun.

What would you say to other people who would like to breed them?
Don’t stop believing in what you can do.

By Fergus and Brendan

If anyone is interested in owning their own stick insects to breed or have as pets please see Jarrah.