Dear Parents and Carers,

It was such a joy to watch our Public Speaking event last Thursday. Students from K-6 delivered their speeches on the given topic ‘If I could change one thing…’. Each speaker captivated the audience, it truly was an amazing experience to see so many confident students standing before their peers and teachers delivering their speeches. Well done to Mrs Eady for her wonderful organisation of this day and to all of the students who participated in the competition. With Makayla’s permission, I wanted to share some of her speech with you. The one thing Makayla wanted to change in our school was bullying. She had many interesting points to express, but the following line stuck in my head for some time afterwards. Makayla said, ‘Always stay true to who you are, don’t be somebody else’. This was such an important part of her speech. If everybody really thought about this sentence the world would be a different place. Very wise advice, thanks Makayla!

Last Friday we said goodbye to two student teachers, Mr Russell, who has been teaching and learning with Mrs Cameron in 5/6C and Mr DeStefani who has been teaching and learning with Mrs Eady in 3/4W. Ballina Public School often welcomes student teachers into their classrooms and from time to time they remain working in our school long after they finish their teaching degree. I would like to thank both teachers for their time at our school and a big thank you to Mrs Cameron and Mrs Eady for sharing their knowledge and experience.

At assembly last week I introduced Mrs Noble’s idea of a ‘Victory Bell’. The old school bell is such an important icon in our school and is over 150 years old. We are going to use it for the celebration of special events and achievements of our students. Two very deserving students had the pleasure of creating history by being the first students in the school to ring the Victory Bell. Sukhneet in 1/2H and Darcy in 1/2W were the first students this semester to reach 100 in their Buzz books. Congratulations to both students, and thanks to Mrs Noble for the wonderful idea!

Don’t forget the Public Holiday on Monday!

Have a lovely long weekend,

Janet O’Shannessy
Relieving Principal
### Congratulations to our Royal Bees

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**Week 7 Aboriginal Events**

Next week is shaping up as another big week for Aboriginal Education at Ballina Public School.

We have three events taking place in week 7, starting with a *Yarn Up* for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents/carers on Tuesday, 10th June. The purpose of this *Yarn Up* is for parents and carers to come in to hear some of our plans for this year’s NAIDOC Week celebrations. This is also an opportunity to have some input and give me some ideas on what you would like to see at our school during NAIDOC Week.

The next event is taking place on Wednesday, 11th June, when *Lucas Proudfoot* from *Circular Rhythm* will be visiting our school. Lucas is a *Bundjalung* man from the Tweed Coast who provides a one man show that offers cultural education delivered through music, song, and expert instrument demonstration. This performance is for the whole school and will begin at 9:30am. Parents and carers are more than welcome to come along.

Finally, on Friday, 13th June, *Solid Mob* will be coming to our school to deliver their *Healthy Lunch Box and Nutritional Facts* workshop. These workshops are for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and families with the schedule as follows:

- Years 5 & 6 between 9:15 and 10am
- Years 3 & 4 between 10:15 and 11:15am
- Years K, 1, 2 between 12 and 12:45pm

**Eli Cook**  
Aboriginal Education Officer

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Exciting things are happening around the school. We have decided to call our PBL message ‘The BUZZ around Ballina Primary’. So keep an eye out for ‘THE BUZZ’, as it will be the focus for the week.

**THE BUZZ** from Bee Jay the Bee this week is, walking to and from the playground. Beejay says to be a safe member at BPS, it is really important to be fair by walking in 2 lines, face the front, keeping your hands by your sides and being silent, when you are with your class. Of course a little change to this is when you are on the stairs as we form one line and stay on the left.

*Bee Jay says to have a great week and remember to: Be Safe, Be Fair and Be a Learner*

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Far North Coast

Our Centre is here to support family members, friends or neighbours (carers) who provide a significant amount of help to someone who is a frail older person, has a disability, or chronic, terminal or mental illness.

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