Dear Parents and Carers,

Well we have one week to go until holidays! I think everyone will join me in saying it’s time for a restful and relaxing break! The teachers have worked extremely hard to provide quality learning experiences for our students at Ballina Public School. As I look back over the term, it amazes me just how much we have accomplished in a small term of 9 weeks. The students have had a fun-filled term with lots of opportunities and extra-curricular activities. Now is a good opportunity for me to thank staff, parents, students and the wider community for the support that is consistently there for our school. Our teachers work extremely hard to ensure our students are getting the best possible education available. It’s truly inspiring to work with a team of dedicated, committed and caring teachers. Thanks to you all.

Year 6 spent two days this week at Lake Ainsworth, a full recount, along with photos will be in the newsletter next week. Stage Two went to Evans Head on Thursday for a daily excursion. Both excursions would have been extremely enjoyable as well as providing educational experiences for the students.

The Athletics carnival was held on Tuesday. We were lucky to be blessed with a gorgeous sunny day. While everyone worked hard together to ensure the day ran smoothly, a huge thank you must go to Mrs Mary Cameron who organised the event. It was wonderful seeing the joy of students as they ran around proudly wearing their ribbons on their chests. Well done again Mrs Cameron!!

Reports were sent home today. Please see your child’s teacher if you wish to have a parent/teacher interview next week.

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend. If you’re heading to the Lismore Lantern Parade on Saturday night, I just may see you there!

Janet O’Shannessy
Relieving Principal
Congratulations to our Royal Bees

Marli
Age/Class: 5, KM
Hobbies: Playing with my dolls
Favourite Movie: Frozen
Favourite Colour: Purple
Favourite Food: Strawberries
Best thing about being a royal bee: Sitting on the stage at assembly

Ciara
Age/Class: 6, 1-2W
Hobbies: Playing hide and seek
Favourite Movie: Peter Pan
Favourite Colour: Blue
Favourite Food: Apples
Best thing about being a royal bee: It makes me happy

Gabriel
Age/Class: 5, K-1N
Hobbies: Playing with my army men
Favourite Movie: Mickey Mouse
Favourite Colour: Blue and red
Favourite Food: Ice cream
Best thing about being a royal bee: You get to be a leader

Lucas Proudfoot Performance

Last Wednesday, all our students attended a fantastic performance by a local aboriginal man named Lucas Proudfoot. Lucas was hugely entertaining, energetic and engaging, and all the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the show. Lucas shared a wealth of knowledge about our local area, and how it differs to other areas, adding in lots of humorous anecdotes about places he has visited and different cultures he has performed for. He also shared his awesome musical skills, using various didgeridoos, and invited a number of our students up onstage to gain a little hands on experience.

We would like to thank Eli, our AEO for organising this performance.
National Consistant Collection of Data of on School Students with Disability—2014

Schools across Australia are taking part in a new national data collection on school students with disability. The data collection is being introduced in stages over three years, and started in 2013. From 2015, this information will be collected in every school across Australia, every year.

All Australian governments have agreed to this. Ballina Public School is a part of the National Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year. We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is provided to our students with disability.

All students that have adjustments made to allow them to access the curriculum may or may not have a diagnosed disability but remain eligible in accordance with the Disability Standards for Education 2005. These standards were formulated under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 which came into effect in August 2005.

Adjustments may be:

* Providing work in more than one way
* Extra time to complete work
* Help with getting around
* Small group or one to one learning support

The adjustment will depend on the needs of the student.

During Week 1 of Term 3, letters will be going out to parents to indicate that the school would like to include their child in the data collection. If you do not want your child to be a part of the National Consistent Collection of Data there will be a note attached that you will be able to return to the school so your child is not included.

Thanks Woolies!

A big THANK YOU to Woolworths (Ballina Fair and River Street) for their very kind donations to our school.

Another big THANK YOU to Woolworths (River Street) for their monthly donation of fruit for our students, which is always thoroughly enjoyed. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Canteen News

Next week's Meal Deal—‘Curly Wurly Pasta’ Pasta with vegetarian sauce, a mini plain milk and a lemonade Icy Pole, plus a surprise — $5.00

Did you know

Warm Milo is available from the canteen in the morning. Only $1.00.

A reminder: Due to health reasons, we are unable to re-heat food that children bring from home. Thank you for your understanding.

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

Thanks Colleen. 0457 641431

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PBL News

The Buzz for Week 8

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, keep your hands by your sides and be 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. When we are moving from one site to the other we need to walk with our class, use the crossing and stop on the yellow dots.

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

P and C News

COFFEE CLUB: The next Coffee Club will be held on Thursday July 17th, which is during the first week of term 3.

Hope to see you there!
The P & C Committee
Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre
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.

The Centre is funded until June 30th 2015.

What we provide:

- Information on carer support services on the Far North Coast
- Assistance with accessing support services that meet carer and care recipient ongoing needs.
- Provision of short-term planned and emergency respite to give carers a break from their caring role.

If you are a carer and you need some help whatever your age - call us on FREECALL™ 1800 052 222*
* (calls from mobile phones charged at applicable rates)

Sewing Classes

Do you want to learn to sew?
Do you want to be creative?

Lismore Sewing Centre is running sewing classes during week 1 of the school holidays for school aged students. Each course consists of 3 lessons of 3 hours duration.

Students will learn how to use basic features on a sewing machine and will finish with making a fun project. Sewing machine (if required) and kit is provided.

When: Monday 30th June, Wednesday 2nd July and Friday 4th July.
Time: 9:00am – 12:00noon Junior, 1:00pm – 4:00pm Senior.

Contact us on (02) 6621 3158 or email afewdesigns@bigpond.com for costing and more details.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS
JUNIOR CLINIC/TOURNAMENT
1st Week of School Holidays

When: Tuesday 1st - Thursday 3rd July 8:00am - 12:00noon daily
Where: Bella Vista Tennis Club
Cost: $30 per player for 3 days. Or $20 per day. $40 for second child in family ($100 for 5 or more from same family)
To bring: water bottle, hat, sunblock, Packed lunch.
Format: Tournaments: Technique, Movement, Drills, Tactics, Fun and Games!

Age/Gender: 5-18 years Red/Orange/Green Ball Hotshots & Yellow ball fixtures players

Price giving and lunch provided on last day.

PRIZES, HEAPS OF COMPETITIVE MATCHES, LOADS OF FUN!
To register email Brendan Rowe (before Friday 27th June)
0400 425 525 / impacttennis.net.au@yourcall.com

Suggestions: 

- Please arrive 15 minutes before the start of your lessons.
- Dress appropriately for the weather.
- Bring all necessary equipment and supplies.
- Please be respectful of other students and instructors.
- No refunds for cancellations within 24 hours of the start of the course.
- Registration is required before the start of the course.

These advertisements are accepted in good faith and the school does not vet them. Parents are advised to request further information or credentials, if they seek product use or participation in the activity.