Dear Parents and Carers,

Today is the final day of Term 2. It has been a busy and rewarding term, one with many changes to our usual staffing structure. As always in schools, for a number of reasons, circumstances change, and for that reason, changes within the staff are inevitable. As always, our staff move forward united, not only with dedication and commitment to providing the best possible learning experiences for their students, but also with respect, flexibility and comradeship towards their colleagues to ensure our school runs effectively and always with ‘what’s best for our students’ in mind.

I will continue to relieve as Principal for Term 3 supported by our three Assistant Principals: Greg Thomas, Julie Streader and Bronwen Eady. Lana Williams on 1/2W is sadly leaving our school today as she is returning to Sydney to be with her family. Elise Morgan will teach 1/2W (which will become 1/2M) for the remainder of the year. With Bronwen Eady relieving as Assistant Principal, Sam Russell will be teaching 3/4E for the term.

Our choir and band students performed at the Coastal Concert last night and were absolutely amazing! Thanks to Amanda Drinkwater and Jenny Noble for their continued commitment to the work they put in to our extremely talented musicians! Amanda has included a full report in this edition of ‘The Hive’.

67 students had a very special Principal’s morning tea on Wednesday to celebrate their achievement in reaching 90 bees in their ‘Buzz Books’. We enjoyed a variety of food and it was wonderful to sit and chat with such a deserving group of students, a lovely way to end the term. Thanks Colleen and Alison for the catering of a rather large event!

Teachers will return to school on 14th July for a Staff Development Day and all students return on Tuesday 15th July.

Have a wonderful holiday, whatever it is you may be doing.

See you next term,

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

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<td>Swimming and playing with our dog</td>
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<td>Tim Tams and party pies</td>
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A very big thank you and congratulations to the very talented students at Ballina Public School who once again did us proud. The school choir brought the house down with its beautiful version of Archie Roach’s song “ Took The Children Away”. A very fitting song to sing during NAIDOC week. Special congratulations to Harmonee, Tykia, Vivani, Joanne, Chelsea, Paige, Khiana and Netikah who very bravely sang solos to a packed RSL Club auditorium. A very special thank you must go to Mr Marc Mittag from Southern Cross K-12 School who accompanied us. We were also part of a mass choir of students from Tregeagle, Lennox Head, Teven Tintenbar and Ballina Public School to finish the show. I might be biased, but I think the Ballina Public School students really shone!

The Ballina Combined Bandits looked fantastic in their black and white and impressed the crowd with “Little Talks” a song, that in the most part, they arranged themselves. They also performed Mission Impossible, a song arranged in 5/4 which is always a challenge. Although the numbers have fallen, they proved that it is not the numbers that matter, but the heart and enthusiasm. Well done Bandits, I know how hard you work and I really appreciate it. Special kudos to Milly S who put down her clarinet for “Little Talks” to pick up the ukulele and sing. Well done all.

Amanda Drinkwater

As some of you may know, NAIDOC Week 2014 is fast approaching. The official dates for NAIDOC week are from the 6th to 14th July with this year’s theme being
Serving Country – Centenary and Beyond.

This year Ballina Public School will be hosting our NAIDOC Celebration Day on Thursday 24th July which is in the second week back at school. We will be having a flag raising ceremony and whole school assembly followed by a day filled with fun and activities for the students. If you are interested in helping out on our NAIDOC day please don’t hesitate to come along.

The local community will also be holding a number of NAIDOC events over the school holiday period. The schedule for the community events is as follows:

**Saturday 5th July** – Church Service 4pm at Cabbage Tree Island

**Sunday 6th July** – Art exhibition at the Northern Rivers Community Gallery

**Monday 7th July** – NAIDOC March from 11am assembling in Ballina RSL car park

**Tuesday 8th July** – Children’s Sports Day from 10am at Kingsford Smith Park

**Wednesday 9th July** – Children’s and Families Celebration Day and NAIDOC Awards from 10am at the Ballina Aboriginal Child and Family Centre in Porter Park, West Ballina.

**Thursday 10th July** – Music and Cultural Festival at the Ballina Skate Park from 11am

**NOTE:** The community gallery will be open the entire week showcasing local Aboriginal artists.

Eli Cook
Aboriginal Education Officer
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.
Meet our Students

NAME: Kyle
YEAR: 6
CLASS: 5-6C
MY FAVOURITE MOVIE: The Lego Movie
WHAT I DO FOR FUN: Play footy and draw
MY FAVOURITE FOOD: Custard
MY FAVOURITE TV SHOW: The Big Bang Theory
MY FAVOURITE BAND: Skrillex
MY FAVOURITE SUBJECTS: Science and sport
I LOVE COMING TO BPS BECAUSE...this is where my friends are

NAME: Preston
YEAR: 6
CLASS: 5-6C
MY FAVOURITE MOVIE: The Lego Movie
WHAT I DO FOR FUN: Sports
MY FAVOURITE FOOD: Pizza
MY FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Batman
MY FAVOURITE BAND: I don’t have one
MY FAVOURITE SUBJECTS: Science
I LOVE COMING TO BPS BECAUSE...I can learn lots of things

NAME: Jaidyn
YEAR: 6
CLASS: 5-6F
MY FAVOURITE MOVIE: Monster’s University
WHAT I DO FOR FUN: Play computer games
MY FAVOURITE FOOD: Chocolate
MY FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Futurama
MY FAVOURITE BAND: AC/DC
MY FAVOURITE SUBJECTS: Computer technology
I LOVE COMING TO BPS BECAUSE... I get to see my friends

NAME: Bobbieann
YEAR: 6
CLASS: 5-6F
MY FAVOURITE MOVIE: Grease
WHAT I DO FOR FUN: Sports
MY FAVOURITE FOOD: Chicken curry pasta
MY FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Home and Away
MY FAVOURITE BAND: One Direction
MY FAVOURITE SUBJECTS: Maths, PE and art
I LOVE COMING TO BPS BECAUSE... I love this school because I meet heaps of students and teachers
Community News and Advertising

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.

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**KIDS’ FRENCH IN ACTION**

The Alliance Française Côte du Nord is offering French classes at the Kentwell Centre, Ballina for 6 to 11 year olds. Starting Saturday 19th July for 9 weeks, the classes provide an hour of interaction in French with song, games and activities. Bookings are essential by 10th July. classes@afnorthcoast.org.au or phone Anne on 0481355773