Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone!
I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and spent time with their families finding the time to do some of the things they love. You may already know some of our staff here have participated in the Stronger Smarter Leadership program this year and last. I went to Redcliffe during the second week of the holidays and attended the facilitator program for Stronger Smarter. The Program gave me an opportunity to develop my skills in how to facilitate powerful conversations, both within a community and a workplace context. I’ve certainly returned inspired and full of ideas about how to strengthen relationships within our school community as well as having a greater insight into myself as a person and various facilitation processes.

Ipads were distributed to staff on Monday during the Staff Development Day. Liz from Enable IT spent two hours working with staff on how to integrate the Ipads into their classrooms. Kindergarten - Year 4 classes along with the Library were given five Ipads per room. Year 5/6 will receive theirs in 2015. In the meantime they have additional laptops in their classrooms as well as an East Site computer lab which has 26 desktop computers.

Liz from Enable IT will be providing ongoing training throughout the year for teachers, both in and out of the classroom. Greg Thomas will be working with Stage 3 students to train them as tutors to assist the lower stages in their use of the Ipads.

Stage 3 went to Lake Ainsworth for a camp during last week of Term 2. Their teachers would like to commend all students who attended for their outstanding behaviour. They had the opportunity to experience a variety of activities ranging from canoeing to indoor rock climbing. A DVD of their experiences will be distributed to each child who attended as well as photos in the near future. Thanks to Greg Thomas, Mary Cameron and Lee for making this excursion possible.

There will be no assembly this week. A note regarding changes to our school assembly this term has been included in the ‘Friday Folder’ today.

We are celebrating NAIDOC next week. The celebrations will begin with an official opening Assembly and Flag Raising Ceremony on Monday morning at 9.15am. Parents, carers and community members are invited to attend a morning tea following the assembly to have a cuppa, cake and a yarn with some of the teachers.

Enjoy your weekend,

Janet O’Shannessy
Acting Principal
Congratulations to our Term 2 Royal Bees

Tom
Age/Class: 10, 5-6C
Hobbies: Football and playing with my friends
Favourite Movie: 21 Jump Street
Favourite Colour: Green
Favourite Food: Pizza
Best thing about being a royal bee: Everything

Samyra
Age/Class: 10, 5-6C
Hobbies: Playing with my tablet, and my sister
Favourite Movie: Lego
Favourite Colour: Pink, black and purple
Favourite Food: Noodle stir fried rice
Best thing about being a royal bee: Everything

National Consistent Collection of Data 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 that your child is not included.

Banking News

Banking continues this term as usual, every Wednesday. A reminder, that seniors should leave their bank books at the west site canteen before the start of school bell. Junior classes will have the books collected from their rooms. Congratulations, bankers, our school earned $399.65 in commission last term! That's a fantastic effort, Keep on banking!

The Banking Team

Help Needed Please

With NAIDOC activities being organised for next week, we need a little help with equipment for the day. If anyone is willing to donate some old t-shirts that could be used as painting smocks, we would greatly appreciate the assistance. Adult sized shirts usually work the best, as they tend to offer more coverage! Any suitable items can be dropped into the schools front office.

Thankyou in advance,
The Aboriginal Education Team

PBL Message

The Buzz for Week 8

The Buzz around Ballina Primary this week is all about walking on hard surfaces

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
**Meet Our Students**

**NAME:** Brendan  
**YEAR:** 6  
**CLASS:** 5-6C  
**MY FAVOURITE MOVIE:** The Lego Movie  
**WHAT I DO FOR FUN:** Play  
**MY FAVOURITE FOOD:** Pizza  
**MY FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** Batman  
**MY FAVOURITE BAND:** JGeeks  
**MY FAVOURITE SUBJECTS:** Maths  
**I LOVE COMING TO BPS BECAUSE…** I can learn lots of things

**NAME:** Chloe  
**YEAR:** 6  
**CLASS:** 5-6B  
**MY FAVOURITE MOVIE:** H2O, Just Add Water  
**WHAT I DO FOR FUN:** Building treehouses and woodwork  
**MY FAVOURITE FOOD:** Chicken Soup  
**MY FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** Home and Away  
**MY FAVOURITE BAND:** Good Charlotte  
**MY FAVOURITE SUBJECTS:** Art  
**I LOVE COMING TO BPS BECAUSE…** I get to spend time with my friends

**P & C News**

**COFFEE CLUB**  
Come along to our next coffee club, which will be held near the west site canteen on Thursday, July 31st, at 2:30pm. It's a great way to meet other parents and carers from our school, and also to have an informal chat with our relieving Principal, Janet O'Shanessy.

**P & C Meeting**  
The next P&C Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, July 21st at 7pm in the school staff room. New members are welcome! Hope to see you there.  
The P&C Committee

**Canteen News**

Next week's Meal Deal:  
Baked potato with Hawaiian or Savoury Mince, Plain Milk and a Muffin, plus a surprise ~ $5.00

**Canteen Week 28th July - 1st August, 2014**  
Our major event during this week is:  
**BPS Canteen & Multi Cultural Food Tasting Expo, Wednesday 30th July, from 1pm-2pm. Gold Coin Entry.**

Come along and sample traditional dishes from other countries, and learn about other cultures. Regular canteen foods will still be available, as well as free giveaways from suppliers, such as drinks, ice-blocks, etc. Everyone is welcome!  
*We are asking for assistance from any families who are willing to help out, to make a food dish or two from your country of origin, that can be given out to students as small samples. You could enhance the cultural experience by dressing in traditional clothing as well! We would also need people on the day to help with serving dishes and handing samples out. Please contact me, we need all the help we can get to make this event a success.*

A ‘Name our Canteen’ competition will also be running during ‘Canteen Week’ entries can be handed in to the canteen. The winner will be announced at the Friday assembly of that week.  
We will have different Meal Deals each day of Canteen Week, as well as a special Treat Day on the Friday.  
See next week's newsletter for more details.

Looking forward to hearing from you.  
Thanks  
Colleen. 0457 641431

**Canteen Roster**

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A course that introduces proven methods for encouraging positive behaviour and dealing with problem behaviours, positively and consistently.

*This course is FREE.*

For all parents & carers of children aged 3—8 years

Group sessions are held over 4 Mondays 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th August 2014
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Follow up telephone consultations will be held 1st & 8th September 2014

Booking your place is essential before 31st July 2014.

For more information please call Ashley Miller or Margo Hills on 6686 4409

Some childcare places available—ask a facilitator when booking your place.

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1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching

When: Wednesday, 13th, 20th & 27th August 2014

Time: 10.30am-12.30pm

Where: Ballina Presbyterian Church Hall, Corner of Crane and Cherry St, Ballina

To confirm a place on this course please call Pete or Simon on Ph: 66 864 109

Limited childcare is available if required. Please let us know when you book.

Ballina-Byron Family Centre Inc

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