Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week celebrating the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples throughout the school. Our NAIDOC celebrations began on Monday at assembly with a thought provoking talk from Bundjalung elder, Aunty Bertha, remembering the role of Indigenous men and women in the armed services.

On Thursday we combined with Cabbage Tree Island School and pre-school, Kiddie Care, and the Child and Family Centre pre-schoolers, for a day filled with activities including art, music, ‘Move It Mob’ Style dancing, traditional cooking, traditional indigenous games run by the high school children and storytelling with Elders, Uncle Lewis and Aunty Lynette. The children from Cabbage Tree Island sang and danced beautifully. Thanks to everyone who attended, for contributing to our day. It was fantastic.

NAIDOC week will finish on Friday with a cook out at lunch where we will all be able to sample some traditional cooking including kangaroo stew and maybe even some witchetty grubs! In the afternoon we will be having a whole school sports carnival featuring Traditional Indigenous Games.

Jamaiya: “the Jonny cakes were delicious”
Zayne: “the best activity was listening to Uncle Lewis’ stories about catching mullet in the olden days”

Next week:
~On Wednesday, 30 students in stage 2 and 3 will be attending the Byron Bay Writers Festival to listen to well-known Australian authors, Andy Griffiths and Sally Rippin.
~On Wednesday Colleen in the Canteen and her P&C helpers will be running a Multicultural food day which will include samples of foods from some of the different countries our Ballina Public families come from. The P&C have asked for a gold coin donation to raise money for the school.
~On Friday, 45 of our student athletes will be representing us at the District Athletics carnival, in Alstonville. Good luck everyone!

Julie Streader
Relieving Principal.
‘Gpops’ Program

It has been said that what children need most, is the essentials that grandparents provide in abundance. They give unconditional love, kindness, patience, and humor. According to the May 2014 issue of ‘Senior News’ up to 63,500 Australians are their grandchildren’s sole carer. In addition, there are many thousands of grandparents providing part time care for children whose parents are out working, or where respite is given, supporting children with disability or illness.

In response to a growing need of support for grandparents caring for grandchildren, Ballina Uniting Church have developed a new program ‘Gpops’ (Grandparents of preschoolers). Grandparents of school age children are also welcome. The program will run from 9:30–11:30 am, with the next meeting happening on July 30th, at the Ballina Uniting Church in Cherry Street Ballina. An innovative children’s program will be run, while the grandparents enjoy morning tea, listen to speakers addressing topics relevant to Gpops participants. Some of the topics for discussion: loneliness and isolation, change in budget, caring for children with disabilities, relationship breakdowns, finding time for ME, access to agencies relating to Gpops issues, caring for ageing parents, walking children through grief, and crossing the generation gap. All are warmly welcome. No need to register. Just turn up! Bring a friend!!

For more information, please call Maggie on 0410975955

Meet Our Students

NAME: Jacinda
YEAR: 6
CLASS: 5-6C
MY FAVOURITE MOVIE: Tangled
WHAT I DO FOR FUN: Draw
MY FAVOURITE FOOD: My Mum’s savoury Pancakes
MY FAVOURITE TV SHOW: The Regular Show
MY FAVOURITE BAND: The Wanted
MY FAVOURITE SUBJECTS: Art

I LOVE COMING TO BPS BECAUSE... I am the school captain, and I have great friends here!

NAME: Dean
YEAR: 6
CLASS: 5-6B
MY FAVOURITE MOVIE: Bad Boys 2
WHAT I DO FOR FUN: Play
MY FAVOURITE FOOD: Kentucky Fried Chicken
MY FAVOURITE TV SHOW: I don’t have one
MY FAVOURITE BAND: I don’t have one
MY FAVOURITE SUBJECTS: Maths

I LOVE COMING TO BPS BECAUSE... I have fun with my friends
Canteen News

Canteen Week 28th July ~ 1st August, 2014

Our Major event during this week is:
BPS Canteen & Multi Cultural Food Tasting Expo, Wednesday 30th July,
at the new time,
11:00am~12:00pm
Gold Coin Donation.

Name our Canteen Competition

Will be running all week, entries to the canteen. Winning entry will win a $10.00 canteen credit plus a gift. Entries close 1st Aug.

Meal Deals ~ Mon to Thurs.

Choice of 3 each day.
Meal Deal #1~Rice, Nudie Juice, and a Cake.
Meal Deal #2~Pasta, Plain Milk, and an Icy-Pole.
Meal Deal #3~Mini Chicken Burger, Flavoured Milk, and a piece of fruit or a watermelon cup.
All Meal Deals come with a surprise. All $5.00 (Usual items still available)

Treat Day– Friday 1st Aug.

Chicken & Chips. Fresh Chicken Breasts cut into fingers & crumbed, 3 per serve with a serving of Chips. $3.50. All Chicken and Chips orders are to be in by 9:30am, no exceptions! We will however, take orders before the day. Please Note: No other hot food will be available on this day.

Thank you to those who have already contacted me regarding the Food Tasting Expo, but we still need more people! It’s not too late if you would like to help out. You may like to make a food dish or two from your country of origin, that can be given out to students as small samples. You may even like to dress in native costume if you have any. Or you can help by just handing out samples on the day.

Please contact me, we need all the help we can get to make this event a success.
Can’t wait to hear from you,
Thanks
Colleen. 0457 641431

Banking News

Banking continues this term as usual, every Wednesday. There are a lot of seniors forgetting to drop their bank books into the canteen of a morning before school starts. Could you remind your senior students of the correct procedure, so that the banking process can run smoothly. Junior classes, as always, will have the bank books collected from their rooms.
Thank you for Banking
The Banking Team

| Canteen Roster |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| **Monday**      | **Tuesday**     | **Wednesday**   |
| Preparation 9.15-11 | Lunch 11.15-12  | Recess 2-2.30   |
| **Thursday**    | **Friday**      |
| Food tasting   | Chicken & Chips | Treat Day       |
| Deb            | Deb            | Karen O         |
| Deb            |                |                 |
| Deb            |                | Karen S         |

P&C News

COFFEE CLUB

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Express Yourself

Youngest child turning 8 this year? Need to work or study to receive Centrelink benefits?
North Coast TAFE offers courses in growth areas such as retail, pharmacy and warehousing which may meet your needs.

For more info contact North Coast TAFE on 1300 628 233

You’re invited to the

Deadly Circle

At the Ballina Public School
Aboriginal Resource Room
Wednesday mornings 10-30am to 12-30pm

Come for
• a good yarn and a hot lunch
• fun and games with your jarjums

This term we are making art together like dream catchers, masks, picture book and much more. Come and join this great relaxed group.

For more information call Kylie on 6681 1540

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

123 Magic & Emotion Coaching is a 3 week parenting course, designed to teach parents a simple and easily implemented system to help manage children’s difficult behaviour. The program also introduces parents to the emotional development of their children and provides strategies for building a deeper connection between parents and children.

To confirm a place on this course please call Pete or Simon on Ph: 66 86 1109
Limited childcare is available if required. Please let us know when you book.

Ballina-Byron Family Centre Inc

BUY 20 OR MORE TICKETS OR PASSES AND SAVE!

Call 07 5519 6210 or email groupbookings@vrtp.com.au

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