Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy and fulfilling week completed and today sees us half way through the term 3… already!

There have been an increasing number of students attending school without full school uniform lately. We are all extremely proud of our school uniform and it shows that we belong to a special group of people. Our school uniform consists of a blue polo shirt, navy shorts or tracksuits and black shoes. Your support in ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform is greatly appreciated.

I am extremely keen to reward our students at Ballina Public School who consistently make positive behaviour choices whilst at school. These are our un-sung heroes who go day-to-day without bothering anyone else, always being safe, fair learners. A principal’s award will be given out at assembly each week. Students will receive a very special laminated award and will have their photo printed on the front page of The Hive the following week. Wow!!

Weekly Highlights

On Monday Mrs Eady, Eli and Trevor took our kinder students and our Aboriginal dance groups to the Aboriginal Child and Family Centre for their celebration of NAIDOC Children’s Day. A big day for everyone involved and children had the opportunity to perform as well as interact with family and other students to participate in a variety of cultural activities.

Mrs Drinkwater, Mrs Franklin and Mrs Parker took the choir to the Lismore Eisteddfod on Tuesday. The students won the combined choir as well as the adjudicator choice award. The behaviour of our students was absolutely beautiful and they really did our school proud! Congratulations to everyone, especially to Mrs Drinkwater who has amazing talent, we are very lucky to have her at Ballina PS!

Our annual Spelling Bee was held on Wednesday, with students from years 3-6 participating. See a full write-up from Mrs Eady in this week’s hive.

Our Book Fair and Book Parade will be held on Thursday of next week. Mrs Streader sent a note out to parents on Wednesday with information about the event. I expect parents and students will be busy with costumes over the weekend, good luck and have fun!

Primary assembly is being held next Friday at 2.20pm. Please come along and celebrate with our Primary children.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Janet O’Shannessy
Acting Principal
Kindergarten Enrolments 2014

Do you have a brother or sister that is starting Kindergarten next year for 2015? We are currently organising Kindergarten for 2015 and would appreciate it if you could return this form below to the office please, so that your child’s name is on the invitation list for Kindergarten Orientation starting 27th October to 31st October.

Enrolment for Kindergarten 2015
Child’s name: _______________________________
Date of Birth: ________________________________
Address:____________________________________
Phone number: ______________________________
Parent Name/s: ______________________________
Sibling’s Name/s:_____________________________
Email Address:_______________________________

FRIDAY 15th AUGUST 2014

Ballina Public School were delighted to watch the exciting school finals of the Premiers’ Spelling Bee on Wednesday. 6 students from Stage 2 competed in the Junior competition and 6 students in the Stage 3 competition. In both competitions the contestants showed great spelling skills and both were very close, with the last 2 contestants in each competition requiring several rounds to decide the winner and runner up. The audience were on the edge of their seats and cheered every time they heard that the word was correct.

In the Stage 2 competition the winner was Tandia-Jay and the runner up was Jay and in Stage 3 the winner was Mauleen and the runner up Khiana. All 4 will go on to the next round - the Regional Competition which will be held in Lismore at Wyrallah Road Public School next month. Congratulations!

Well done too to our other competitors Lucinda, Joshua, Lara, Maddy, Curtis, Paige, Douglas, and Shelby.
**Choir Excursion to Sydney**

As I write this I think I have finally recovered from another hectic (and excellent!) trip to Sydney with our talented students.

We enjoyed a day and half of sightseeing; we walked the Harbour Bridge, we did a Boat Cruise on the Harbour and went to the Taronga Zoo. We had a fantastic pasta meal at a great restaurant and we went on a night time tour of Centrepoint tower (and that was all in one day!)

We also enjoyed a great trip to the Aquarium and the singers rehearsed in the Opera House before the big night.

Our students were beautifully behaved and made us so proud!

They were the very front row of a 700 strong choir and despite a few nerves they stood proudly and sang beautifully.

We had two band friends who watched the show as well as some proud parents and grandparents, aunties and friends who all raved about our talented students.

Thank you to Mrs Parker and Mrs Cameron whose intuitive ability to know what needed to be done made everything run so smoothly, their humour and sense of fun made this trip one which was as fun for the adults as it was for the students.

Big thank you also to Amy and Aaron, parents who also added to the humour and fun. Their help with our students also made the teachers’ jobs so much easier.

Finally, can I thank the school and wider community for their help in fundraising for this trip. The P & C, the Clubs of Ballina (RSL Sub-Branch, Cherry Street Bowling, East Ballina Lions) who all made generous donations without which this trip would not have happened.

So congratulations to all involved – you were wonderful ambassadors for Ballina Public and I hope the memories made on this trip will stay with you for a long time to come.

Amanda Drinkwater

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**Meal Deal** for next week

‘Curly Wurly Pasta’ Pasta with Vegetarian Sauce, Flavoured Milk, Homemade Cake or Slice, plus a surprise—$5.00

**Peters Fandangles** are here. ‘Choc/Shmellow’ & ‘Fairy Floss’ flavours. $1.50 each. Yum Yum!

**Canteen News**

**Name our Canteen Competition** We have made our decision on a name for our canteen. It was a very close vote at the P&C meeting. It was down to 3 suggestions which were most popular amongst staff & Canteen Volunteers. (There were no students names attached during these votes.) The Winner will be announced at Monday mornings assembly!!

**Reminder** The canteen will **NOT** re-heat food brought from home, due to health risks and liability. Nor can we add boiling water to anything, such as Cup noodles/soup or 2 minute noodles. Please don’t send your child with these items, as they will be disappointed.

We are always in need of volunteers, if you can help out at any time please contact me. Even if it is for a one off, especially on treat days, I would love to hear from you.

Thanks
Colleen. 0457 641431
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