Dear Parents and Carers,

As we continue planning for 2016 I can give an update on class structure and staffing. As I have mentioned before, this is subject to student numbers, so it can change between now and next year. As such I ask that if your family is planning to leave Ballina PS next year, or if you know of family or friends moving into the area, can you please contact the office.

It looks as though we will again have 11 classes in a similar structure to 2015. As for staff changes we will be welcoming Mrs Presgrave back after her teacher exchange to Canada (farewell Mr Janzen!) Mrs Parker will continue in her leadership role across the district as Assistant Principal (PBL) and so won’t be with us in 2016. We are also excited to announce that Mrs Franklin will be on maternity leave next year. With a great deal of planning going into student placements, I am happy to listen to parent input regarding this. However, please be aware that requests cannot be guaranteed.

Hats, Hats, Hats!

I am sorry to go on about this but a reminder from you to your children regarding the wearing of hats in the playground would be appreciated. Our expectation is simple – to play in our playground students need to wear a wide-brimmed hat (not caps). If they don’t have a hat they are welcome to play under the covered area.

Ballina High School Parent Meetings

You would be aware of the Department of Education’s community consultation meetings regarding the Ballina HS upgrade. I urge you to attend the parent meeting on Tuesday 20th October at 6pm in the Ballina HS library so that you can have input into the planning for this. With the new school set to open in 2019, and many initiatives planned in the lead up to this date, this certainly effects our students.

Poor old Evie and Taya showed me their matching broken arms. Get well soon girls!

Regards

Peter Flannery
Principal
Congratulations to our Royal Bees

Archie, 1-2O  
Delan, 1-2O  
Zianna, 1-2O  

Lolah, 1-2O  
Cale, 1-2O  
Talia, 1-2O  

Blake, 1-2O  
Claire, 3-4N  

Congratulations to Jakaya, of KA who won 2nd prize in the ‘Great Duck Race’ colouring in competition through the school recently. Thank you to the Rotary Club for the opportunity and the prize. Well done Jakaya!

MEAL DEAL ~ ‘Mini Meal’ 2 Mini pies & Sauce, Bottle of Water, Watermelon cup, Plus a prize. Only $5.00.

Exciting New Products this term
- National Pies, Mini Pies & Sausage Rolls.
- ‘Piranha’ Vege Chips, 3 Flavours available (Red Rock & Grain Waves are no longer available.)
- Peri Peri Mayonnaise - try it on any Wrap, sandwich or Chicken Burger.
- Slush Puppies are back-$2.00 each.

Halloween ~ 30th November. Special Halloween treats will be available to purchase.

Did you know ~ If you order a healthy sandwich, wrap, or salad tub, you receive a voucher for a FREE Zooper Dooper.

Colleen 0457 641431

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2017?

You must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Key dates
- Tuesday 13 October 2015
  Application website opens
- Monday 16 November 2015
  Application website closes
- Late applications will not be accepted
- Thursday 25 February 2016
  Test authority letter sent by mail and email
- Thursday 10 March 2016
  Selective High School Placement Test
- Early July 2016
  Placement outcome information

Congratulations Jakaya!
**Allergy Awareness**

We have students in our school who have serious, potentially life threatening allergies to nuts. Please be aware of nut products when packing your child’s lunch box. These include:

- Whole nuts and nibble mixes
- Peanut butter or Nutella
- Chocolates with nuts
- Muesli bars with nuts

All students are encouraged to avoid sharing foods and eating utensils, as well as washing their hands after eating. We appreciate your support with this to keep all our students safe. Thanks!

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**New Broad Brimmed Hats**

We have a new style of broad brimmed hat at Ballina Public. They are made of a cooler microfibre fabric, with an elastic toggle around the crown, rather than an under chin cord. They are priced at $8.50, and are available now at the front office.

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We want to talk to you about what you think about the new high school

- This evening gives you an opportunity to ask us questions about the new school but also for us to ask you questions about what you’d like to see at the new school and what are the best facilities and features you would like in the school that show local Aboriginal culture and help the education of our Aboriginal students
- You will be able to bring students and children to the meeting and there will be a BBQ provided around 6:30

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**‘Forward to the Past’ Production**

As you are hopefully aware by now, our Whole School Production items are heating up! The performance is scheduled for early December (1st and 2nd) and we will give you plenty of notice before tickets go on sale.

To try and minimise costs for each family, we are seeking some donations to assist us with costuming. If you have any of the following items that you no longer require, they would be gratefully received. (These items will not be returned to you!)

- White, tan, cream, brown, or khaki long sleeve button-up shirts
- Vests – button up
- Men’s coats (in small sizes preferably)
- Cotton bandanas or square scarves
- Sunnies, afro wigs, beads,
- Children’s blue jeans (in sizes 5 – 10)

As we are trying to be very organised with our costumes well before the date, the cut-off for receiving these will be next Friday 23rd October. If you have any of these items hiding in the back of wardrobes at your house, please dig them out and drop them off at the front office – your assistance will be greatly appreciated!

Warm Regards

Amanda Drinkwater ♫ and Felicity Murphy.

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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.

 Rotary Club of Ballina-on-Richmond

John Hugill Memorial Charity

BAREFOOT BOWLS DAY

When: Sunday 25th Oct 2015
Time: 3pm start
Where: Cherry Street Sports Ballina
Cost: $20 per person, teams of 4 or we can put you in a team, no experience
Includes BBQ Dinner, Dessert and Drink
Flat shoes, socks or bare feet, Bowls and Coaching provided

Bookings: Call Cherry Street Sports Ballina 6686 2811 or Col Lee 0417 852 602 or Jodie Shelley 0427 287 627

Funds raised will go towards purchasing a paediatric Broselow Flying Carpet for Ballina District Hospital

Meet Peppa Pig

Date: Saturday, November 7th
11am-2pm Peppa Pig will be instore for a playdate!
Plus lots of additional fun for the kids to enjoy!

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