Dear Parents and Carers,

As this is our last newsletter for 2015 I would like to thank and congratulate everyone who has contributed to making our school so wonderful. Of course Number 1 in all our eyes are the children themselves. They are the reason we do what we do and I am very proud of the mature, young Australians that we produce.

Thank you to parents and carers for the support you give your children and the school. Learning is a partnership and it makes such a difference for the students to see parents and teachers working together.

I acknowledge the support, guidance and input that community and outside agencies provide us with, as well as the volunteers who help make our school so special. “It takes a village to raise a child”.

Of course the staff has been fantastic. We are lucky to have such committed and highly professional practitioners working with us. Congratulations and best wishes to those leaving us: Famee Torrens, Rob McMahon and especially Leonard Janzen as he returns to Canada. Len, I hope your “aussie experience” was all it promised and more. Good onya!

I look forward to the special ceremonies next week and to the challenges that 2016 bring. Have a lovely Christmas!

Semester 2 Reports
Today your child should have brought home their Semester 2 report. It is the culmination of teacher assessment of their progress against stated learning outcomes. Please take the time to read and discuss its contents with your child. As always, teachers are available next week to discuss your child’s progress if required. Please contact the school office to arrange a convenient time.

Important Dates Next Week
Next week will be extremely busy. Please join us when you can…

- K-2 Celebration Assembly 14th December 9.30am
- 3-6 Celebration Assembly 14th December 12.15pm
- Special Presentation Assembly 15th December 9.30am
- Last day for students (Christmas mufti) 16th December

Regards

Peter Flannery
PRINCIPAL
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Forward To The Past ~ Whole School Production

The Whole School Production - Forward To The Past was a brilliant success. Despite some very hot weather and a few spots of rain, our enthusiasm wasn't dampened and Ballina Public School showed what it was made of! Congratulations to each and every student who took part. You did an amazing job and it was so great to see you all enjoy performing together.

A special mention must go to all of the staff at Ballina Public School who as ever were super supportive of our big ideas! Our crew who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that props were organised, lights and sound were A1 and students were where they were supposed to be.

Thanks too must go to Bernie Kelly and Bronwen Eady for organising these crew members and for ensuring that our show was such a polished success.

Those who were lucky enough to get a ticket to our (sold out!) evening shows would have marvelled at our costumes. A huge Thank you to Jane Boots (Mrs Drinkwater's mum) Kaye Miles (Mrs Murphy's mum) and Marcia Kelly (Mrs Kelly's mother in law) who worked tirelessly to produce many of the amazing costumes. Thanks Jane too for help with quick costume changes during the performances. Thanks to Shane Kelly (Mrs Kelly's husband) for his brilliant job of constructing the time machine.

Congratulations to the band and choir students who were busy running between playing in the band, dancing with their own class item, singing in the choir and for many back to playing with the band. You were busy - but you sounded amazing.

Thanks to Mrs Murphy's team of assistant choreographers, Milly S (dancer, soloist, band and choir member and choreographer!), Lydia M, Tiara M and Bianca F.

Perhaps most importantly though we need to thank our 4 lead roles, Aaisha B (as Pop), Kaleb H (as Johnno), Lucinda R (as Ivy) and Netikah H (as Gran). They were polished and professional and got better and better as the shows went on. Congratulations on your brilliant job of telling the story. A wonderful effort!

We had so much fun putting this together and we can't wait to do this again in 2 years time!

Warm regards
Mrs Drinkwater and Mrs Murphy.
WANTED:
Mrs Taylor and class KA are needing old photo frames, without the glass in them, for a project. If you are having a big clean up before Christmas, and find some frames that you would be willing to donate, please drop them in to KA, or the front office.
Thank you in advance,
Amanda Taylor
Class Teacher

MEAL DEAL
‘Wrap it up’, 1/2 Ham or Chicken salad wrap, Flavoured milk, Packet Vege Chips, plus a surprise. Only $5.00.

As the year draws to an end I am starting to run stocks down to a minimum. This means we may run out of some items before the end of the year. Sorry if this effects you.

I wish to thank all my volunteers who have helped me throughout the year. If anyone would like to help in the canteen next year, please let me know. Also, thanks to everyone who has supported the canteen in any way.
Good Luck to all the year 6’s moving on to High School, I hope you enjoy the next stage in your lives. It’s been a pleasure serving you.

Did you know – Christmas Pudding was originally a soup made with raisins & wine! Mmm Yumm!!

Colleen 0457 641431

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