Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great week practising being safe, fair learners. Some very creative students performed a role play on how to transition from the playground to class lines demonstrating how this is safe behaviour and how doing this quickly will mean more time learning in the classroom.

Our exciting learn to swim program started this week. These lessons are probably the most inexpensive we will ever find. Please ensure your child has their swimmers and a towel every Monday for the rest of the term. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact the school. We don’t want any child to miss out on learning a lifesaving skill of swimming.

Warm regards,

Mrs Michelle Stroud-Watts
Relieving Principal
Dance News

We are excited to be entering a senior dance troupe into the 2015 Dance Festival, held at Lismore City Hall on June 2nd and 3rd this year. We are holding dance auditions this coming week to select the year 5 and year 6 students to join the troupe. Look out for the note that will be sent home for further information.

Felicity Murphy
Teacher/Dance Co-ordinator

Aboriginal Education team

Last week we held our first Aboriginal Education Team meeting for the year at the Ballina Aboriginal Child and Family Centre. This meeting was well attended by parents and community members and involved some very positive and constructive conversations.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, 26th February. Due to another event scheduled at the Family Centre, we are unable to hold the meeting there, so this meeting will be held in the Ballina Public School library from 4pm. We again hope for strong attendance with all parents and community members encouraged to attend.

Thank you,
Eli Cook,
Aboriginal Education Officer.

Classroom Makeover

Currently, there is a promotion running through the Northern Star, for schools to enter, to potentially win a $5000 classroom makeover. There are coupons appearing in the Northern Star daily, please look out for these, cut them out and send them in to school with your child. This would be a fantastic prize for the school to win, let's do our best to make it happen!

Help us Re-Use and Radiate!

Please send in any plastic lids that you may have at home (from your kitchen laundry, bathroom or garden) with your child, for them to deliver to me throughout dance sessions, then watch this space for beautiful creations that will make classroom doors radiate!

Thanks in advance,
Felicity Murphy
Teacher/Environment Committee Partner

Ballina Public Shines

The famous ‘Clean Up Australia Day’ will be held next week at Ballina Public, and to really shout out what Ballina Public School is all about, we’re calling it Ballina Public Shines! There will be a guessing game amongst each stage to try to estimate the amount of rubbish collected, with the closest guesser rewarded with some fantastic prizes, such as tickets to the Ballina Water Slides, donated by Lee and Vicky at the memorial pool, and pizza vouchers donated by Dominos Ballina – how lucky are we! Please be sure to say thanks next time you walk by these supportive businesses.

Felicity Murphy and Stephanie Whalan
Ballina Public Environment Committee

School Survey

In order to continue developing our school plan, we would love your input into the school’s vision and strategic directions. Please take a few minutes to visit: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K7JNHZJ and complete the survey that appears. This link will also be sent out to parents via email. If we do not have your email address, and you would like to have items like this sent to you, or even have the newsletter emailed to you weekly, please drop into the front office and leave your email address for addition to our distribution list.

Thank you,
The School Planning Team

Ballina Public would like to wish a very happy birthday to these students this week:

Ava, KA
Jasper, 1-2O
Griffen, 1-2W
Samyra, 5-6J
District Swimming Carnival

On Friday 13th February our swimmers attended the Ballina district swimming carnival at the Ballina Memorial Pool. All students were very proud to be representing our school, and participated in their races to the best of their abilities. Congratulations to Biega for making it to the zone carnival to be held at a later date in Ballina. The students had fun cheering each other on and especially enjoyed watching our relay teams compete. Thank you to all the parents that attended on the day to help out with time keeping and organising students into their races. These sports days could not be as successful as they are without your support. All students were exceptionally well behaved on the day.

Mr Hardy
Sports Co-ordinator

COFFEE CLUB
All Parents or Carers are welcome to join us for a free afternoon tea, every second Thursday from 2.30~3pm. The next Coffee Club will be on Thursday, March 5th. It’s a great opportunity to catch up, have a chat and meet other families from our school, and to have an informal chat with our Principal, Peter Flannery
Hope to see you there.

EASTER RAFFLE
Yes, its almost that time of the year again! We will be asking for any donations from families of anything Easter themed that can be used to make up hampers, as well as sending home tickets to be sold. More information will be given as it gets closer. Thanks for your support.

P & C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The annual General Meeting for Ballina Public School’s P and C is scheduled for Monday, March 9th, at 7pm in our school staff room. All are welcome to attend, come along and find out how the P and C works with the school and staff to make BPS a great place for your children to learn and play. Hope to see you there,

P&C Committee.

Reminder: The canteen cannot re-heat food brought from home due to health regulations. Thanks for your co-operation.

Next weeks Meal Deal ~
‘Wrap it up’ 1/2 chicken lavash wrap, Flavoured Milk, Fruit Salad cup, plus a surprise, only $5.00.

Did you Know: We make Fruit Salad fresh everyday, $1.20 a cup or $2.00 for a tub. Watermelon cups are also available for only 80c.

Colleen 0457 641431

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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.

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Rhee Taekwon-Do

NOW at Ballina Public School Monday and Thursdays 5.30PM – 6.30PM
Is your child bullied at school?
Lack self confidence?
Need a structure fitness program?
Need to learn self discipline and self control?
Ring Mark now to see how he can help. 0427-626952

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Ballina on Richmond Physie
Girls 4 - 74 yrs.

What is physie?!
Physie is a unique combination of Ballet, Aerobics, Gymnastics and Jazz Dance all rolled into one!
Team, Individual, Zone & National Competitions

Classes start Mon 9 Feb, Alstonville Uniting Church Hall
Classes start Wed 11 Feb, Ballina Public School Hall, $8 per class.

New members - 1st lesson free
Please contact us on:
Gaye: 0401 284 103, Theresa: 0428 862 660
Blancat: bee.wood13@gmail.com

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Rainbow Children’s Centre Inc

NEW
After School Care & Vacation Care
Operating from Ballina Public School
5-12yrs olds 3.15pm-6.20pm Monday-Friday
Phone Jan or Jodi for information (02) 6686 6621
Government Child Care benefits and rebate available

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1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching

When: Wednesday 11th, 18th & 25th March 2015
Time: 10am - 12.30pm
Where: Baptist Church Hall,
Corner of Cherry & Crane Street Ballina

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 behavior.

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 in this free course please call Pete or Lisa 66864109
Cost: Free
Limited childcare is available so please discuss with us when you book

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Woolworths

AFC Skills and Drills Development Program 2015

Monday’s & Wednesday’s (2nd February - 1st April 2015)
Age Specific Practise Fitness Training
Times: 5:00pm - 6:30pm
Age 6 - 18 years
Skill Level: Beginners - Intermediate - Advanced
Director: George Lazarou
Skills and Drills Program Sessions will include:
• First touch • Ball Control • Speed, Agility & Coordination • Ball Mastery • Passing and Receiving • Small sided games
Venue: Lake Awoonga Sport and Recreation Centre, Pacific Parade, Lennox Head NSW 2478

For more information or to register please visit our website www.ayfi.com.au
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