Dear Parents and Carers,

Mr Flannery has returned safely back to Ballina Public School today. I have had the great privilege of acting as Principal for just over two weeks and I must say I have thoroughly enjoyed it. This school is certainly alive with excitement and enthusiasm from staff, parents and students. I have seen students looking out for one another, students actively engaged in amazing lessons that require a high level of academic thought and students being challenged to excel.

I am so very impressed with the staff at Ballina Public School. These are the people who work tirelessly to ensure your child is safe, happy and learning to the very best of their ability. The staff are amazingly passionate about ensuring every student is looked after and everything is done to ensure they have the very best education. I am truly astounded with the dedication of the entire staff and at the great relationship between home and school. Parents and teachers working together as a close team is vital for the success of your child and I can see that everyone at Ballina Public School understands this. Thank you for making my short time at Ballina Public School welcoming and warmly memorable.

Please remember our swimming program on Monday, and make sure that your child has their swimmers and a towel for the day, as well as goggles, if they are necessary. Its not too late if you would still like your child to participate in this program. If you are having difficulty with the $5 a lesson please contact the office.

Michelle Stroud-Watts
Relieving Principal.
Help Build Strong Readers

Parents, care-givers, grandparents and community helpers are invited to a FREE 2 hour workshop. Learn the skills and strategies to enable you to help with home and classroom reading. There will be time to practise and ask questions.

Date: 17th March, 2015
Time: 6:45 ~ 9:00 pm
Venue: Ballina Public School
Cost: FREE

All materials and a light supper will be provided. Proudly funded and supported by the Ballina Rotary Club as a community project.

Contact Lyn Howie on 66280624 to register. Limited places are available.

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

News from 1/2O

1/2O have begun participating in a ‘working together’ skills program. Each week we will be learning a new skill. These skills are very important for us to have correct throughout our lives. Our focus skill for this week is ‘Listening’. We have learnt three important steps you need to follow to be a good listener. They are:

1. **Look** ~ Look at the person who is talking to you.
2. **Stay Still** ~ Keep hands and feet still and don’t talk to other friends.
3. **Think** ~ Think about what the person is saying.

We are talking about this skill each day and have already noticed a big difference after our very first day. We have added a picture to show you how we listen carefully when someone is speaking.

Janet O’Shannessy,
Classroom teacher, 1-2O
**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](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

**P & C News**

**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, it’s 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. 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.

All are welcome to attend, hope to see you there!

P&C Committee.

**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, lets do our best to make it happen!

**Next Weeks Meal Deal** ~ Wrap It Up’ 1/2 Chicken & Salad Wrap, Flavoured Milk, Fruit Salad Cup plus a surprise. ~ $5.00

**Did You Know** ~ Brumby’s deliver our fresh bread, rolls & cheese & bacon rolls every day. Yum!

**Reminder** ~ Don’t forget to pack a spoon or fork in your child’s lunch box if one is required, for foods such as tinned tuna, tubs of fruit, jelly, and yoghurt.

**Donations** ~ If you would like to help the canteen, but can’t find the time, you can always help out by donating goods to help reduce running costs. Items such as margarine, vegemite, flour, sugar, eggs, fresh produce from your garden, plastic spoons/forks/cups are some suggestions. Any help would be gratefully received.

Thank you,

Colleen. 0457 641431

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**Canteen Roster**

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makinmovesdancestudio@gmail.com

**MM Dance Studio**
Ruby Collins - Makin

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Sports Camps Australia provides quality camps in a variety of sports.
SCA Junior Soccer Camp – Lennox Head Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre
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Sign up for camp today and take your game to the next level!
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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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**Ballina on Richmond Physie Girls 4 - 74yrs.**

**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 Unititing 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 254 103, Theresa: 0428 852 660
Blanca bee.wood13@gmail.com

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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.

Ring **Mark** now to see how he can help. **0427-626952**

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