Dear Parents and Carers,

You would probably agree that the skill and knowledge of teachers is a major factor in improving the learning outcomes of our students. Whilst Ballina PS is blessed to have a team of dedicated, experienced and hard-working staff, it is important to know that the school takes teacher performance very seriously. Teachers are required to reflect on their performance regularly and to identify aspects of teaching that they need to improve, under the areas of Professional Knowledge, Professional Practice and Professional Engagement. These aspects then form individual teachers’ Professional Development Plans, coupled with performance development meetings with their supervisors and myself. Initiatives to meet these plans are supported by school funds and professional learning activities such as School Development Days and Professional Workshops. Staff are always open to feedback, so please contact them with your thoughts or those of your child.

“When we think we have the truth, we stop learning”

P&C Association

Congratulations to the new Ballina P & C Senior Executive who were elected to serve for 2015 at its Annual General Meeting last week:

- President    Debbie Bell
- Secretary    Lindzi Moore
- Treasurer    Sarah Carden

I am sure that these ladies, as well as others who volunteered for positions, will do a wonderful job supporting our school over the coming years. Congratulations and thank you to Karen Scott who did not seek re-election after many years as P&C President.

Thank you to Zianna, Caitlin, Ethan, Lolah, Joey-Jaye, Katelyn, Charli and Jenny from 1/2O who have lent me some of their artwork to decorate my office. Your “Me Clouds” look great! Congratulations to all the students who have shown me their fantastic bookwork this week. There is certainly some quality learning going on in our classrooms.

Regards

Peter Flannery
Principal
Our next Aboriginal Education Team meeting is to be held on **Thursday, 19th March** at the **Ballina Aboriginal Child and Family Centre from 4pm**.

Our past few meetings have been well attended by parents and community members. We hope that this will continue. These meetings are open for all to attend.

Eli Cook
Aboriginal Education Officer

Coming up in Week 10, we will be holding our annual ‘Crazy Hat Parade’. It will be held in our school hall, on Thursday, April 2nd, at 1:45pm. Please come along and enjoy the parade, it’s always great fun! Start planning your crazy hat today!

Banking continues as always on Wednesdays, with books being collected in the mornings. Please remember that tokens are allocated to the children electronically now, so no physical tokens are given out. They are still able to claim their prizes, please see Joan Gibson for details.

NAME: Adam
YEAR: 6
CLASS: 5-6T
MY FAVOURITE MOVIE: 22 Jump Street
WHAT I DO FOR FUN: Play Cricket
MY FAVOURITE FOOD: Mango
MY FAVOURITE TV SHOW: South Park
MY FAVOURITE BAND: Don’t have one
MY FAVOURITE SUBJECTS: Sport
I LOVE COMING TO BPS BECAUSE... I have lots of friends, and I get to see them at school.

NAME: Sophe
YEAR: 6
CLASS: 5-6T
MY FAVOURITE MOVIE: Grease
WHAT I DO FOR FUN: Gymnastics and singing
MY FAVOURITE FOOD: Sushi
MY FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Victorious
MY FAVOURITE BAND: Justice Crew
MY FAVOURITE SUBJECTS: Art
I LOVE COMING TO BPS BECAUSE... School is cool!
Ballina Public School would like to send out a big Happy Birthday to:

Tyrese, KA
Taylia, KM
Charlie, 3-4H
Samantha, 3-4N

We hope you had a very special day!

**NEW**
‘Tutea Frutea’ Iced Tea 300ml. Mango or Peach, $2.00 each. Please try it and let us know what you think!

**Next Weeks Meal Deal**
‘Wrap it up’ ~ 1/2 Chicken Lavash Wrap, Tutea Frutea Iced Tea, Packet of Cookies, plus a surprise. $5.00.

**Did You Know** - Your Taste Buds change almost daily as you grow. What your taste buds hated last year might be their favourite now!!!

Colleen. 0457 641431
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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**ThemeParks.com.au Ticket Sale**

Village Roadshow Theme Parks is offering our school community a limited time ticket offer. Simply visit ThemeParks.com.au/promocode and enter our promocode “CPC104” to gain access to these ticket offers.

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**Kids n’ Sport**

Looking for a sport to play?

Ever wanted to try Hockey?

Then come and play MINKEY!!!!

**FOR BOYS AND GIRLS 4-7 YEARS**

Learn basic skills with experienced coaches, hockey sticks supplied, just come and have some fun ………

Where: TURF at Kingsford Smith Park, Bentinck St, Ballina

When: Muster day at clubhouse, Saturday 28th March 9am

Time: Saturdays 9-10am

Bring: Hat, Sports shoes, water bottle, and MOUTHGUARD essential.

For more Information contact:

Al Porter 0414816603, president@ballinahockey.org.au

or Ballina Club Website: www.ballinahockey

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**RHEE TAEKWON-DO**

Family Martial Art

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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