Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely Easter holiday with your children and that they are feeling refreshed and ready to go for a big Term 2. Highlights of the term include:

- ANZAC ceremony and march
- Stronga Sistas and BroSpeak programs
- NAPLAN assessments for Years 3 and 5
- Ballina Public School’s Public Speaking Competition
- North Coast Dance Festival
- Queens Birthday Holiday
- Semester 1 Reports home to Parents

ANZAC Day March
Today we held a lovely ceremony to acknowledge ANZAC Day tomorrow. Thank you to our school leaders Bianca, Will, Vivani and Riley who ran the assembly so well. I am hoping for a really big turn out of students at the Ballina ANZAC March tomorrow. Please have your children, dressed in their best school uniform, meet me near the old post office at 10.15am.

Thank you to Susannah, Jett, Lilly and Oscar from KA and Reuben, Jemma, Elise, Mia, Declan, Jamaiya, Natarlia and Neesha from 3/4 F for their lovely artwork which I have borrowed to brighten up my office. The pieces look fabulous!

Regards
Peter Flannery
Principal
Congratulations to our Royal Bees

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NAIDOC Planning

On Monday, 27th April Ballina Public School will be holding a planning session for our 2015 NAIDOC Week celebrations. This year we are hoping to have as much parental and community involvement as possible. The planning session will take place in the Community Room at the Ballina Aboriginal Child and Family Centre from 4pm-6pm. Your input is valued by us and will help us make NAIDOC week as successful as it possibly can be.

Eli Cook
Aboriginal Education Officer

Banking News

If you would like to enter the prize draw for the current ‘Disneyland’ promotion with the Commonwealth Bank, just a reminder that you will need to bank every week from now to qualify. This includes any new students who start banking now. You can bank as little as 50c per week!

Thank you to all our term 1 bankers, our school earned a great commission which will go towards supporting our school.

The Banking Team

Hope you all had a lovely break and ready for another great term.

Next weeks Meal Deal
‘Chicken Little’ ~ Small Chicken and Gravy Roll, Flavoured Milk, Fruit Salad Cup, plus a surprise. Only $5.00.

Did you Know: The length of both your arms stretched out, is the same as your height!

Colleen 0457 641431

P&C News

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Every year UNSW coordinates a series of exams for students right across New South Wales. Every participant receives a certificate and there are special certificates for Credit, Distinction and High Distinction levels and medals to the top performing students in the state.

If you would like your child/children to enter any or all of these exams you can enrol online or bring your entry fee to the front office along with the exam name/s and student name.

The entry fee for the Digital Technologies, Science, English and Mathematics exams is $8.80 each, the Writing Exam is $18.70 and the Spelling Exam is $12.10.

PLEASE NOTE: The closing date for the Digital Technologies exam is Monday the 27th of April. No entries to this exam can be accepted after this date. All other exams are due no later than Friday, the 1st of May.

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**SURVIVING ADOLESCENCE TOGETHER**

Adolescence is one of the greatest transitions a family must face. Extensive research has shown that the most protective factor in helping teens develop into resilient adults is a close, supportive relationship with a parent or caregiver.

This parenting course is designed to support parents/carers to understand and respond proactively to the challenges of adolescence, and to help strengthen the parent/teenager relationship.

Topics covered: adolescent development, how relationships are protective, risks teens face, challenges parents face, how parents and teens push each other's buttons and how to positively influence your teen.

**WHEN:** Tuesdays 26th May, 2nd June and 9th June (these are not separate seminars)

**TIME:** 10.30am to 1pm

**WHERE:** Byron Community Centre

69 Jonson Street, Byron Bay

**COST:** Free

**CONTACT:** Steve 0429 190 210
reconnectballina@nrsdc.org.au

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

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**Triple P – Positive Parenting Program**

A course that introduces proven methods for encouraging positive behaviour and dealing with problem behaviours, positively and consistently.

For all parents & carers of children aged 2-12 years

Group sessions are held Thursday’s

14th May, 21st May, 28th May & 4th June 2015

9:30am—1:12pm

At Rainbow Children’s Centre, 4 John Sharpe St East Ballina

Follow up telephone consultations will be held 11th and 18th June. (no need to arrange childcare for these dates)

**Booking your place is essential before 4th May 2015.**

To book your place or get further information please call Pete or Ashley on 6686 4109

*Limited childcare places available upon request.*
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