Dear Parents and Carers,

As you would be aware the school is always looking at its performance and at how to improve for the betterment of our students. The School Excellence Framework provides data to schools in various areas that effect student performance. One area that has shown pleasing growth is attendance, which has grown by over 2% to 93% since 2011. Whilst this is pleasing it is important for us to look at ways of sustaining this growth or to improve the attendance of sub-groups such as our Year 6 students, siblings or to improve our levels of late student arrivals.

Similarly, the school undertook a school-wide evaluation of our Positive Behaviour for Learning Program. Whilst our school program is meeting the needs of the vast majority of students, we are reviewing how to manage students who regularly choose to display negative behaviours.

**School Jumper**
Thank you to those parents who have responded, either via the newsletter or Facebook regarding a school jumper as a part of our student uniform. We have included the information again this week for parents to have their say. Please respond with your thoughts via the tear off slip in this newsletter or via our Facebook page.

**For Your Diaries...**
Semester 1 reports will be distributed to parents on Friday 19
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June. This allows parents to meet with teachers (if necessary) to discuss student progress during the following week.

Regards
Peter Flannery
PRINCIPAL
Congratulations to our Royal Bee

Zachary
Age/Class: 8, 3-4F
Hobbies: Sports, playing console games
Favourite Movie: Transformers
Favourite Colour: Green
Favourite Food: Steak, macadamia cookies
Best thing about being a royal bee: Everything

Ballina Public Senior Dance Troupe

Our Senior Dance Troupe at Ballina Public have been busily preparing for the upcoming Far North Coast Dance Festival which will take place in week 7 of this term. Our students have been attending dance rehearsal regularly, and our performance is coming along nicely. Its great to see such enthusiasm from the children, and to know that they thoroughly enjoy their dance time. I am really impressed with the children’s commitment to their performance, and congratulate their efforts. Below is a recent photograph of a dress rehearsal held here at school, with our students looking fabulous!

Felicity Murphy
Teacher/Dance Co-ordinator

Walk Safely to School

Next Friday, May 22nd, is the 16th annual Walk Safely to School Day. All primary school aged children, along with their parents, are encouraged to walk or commute safely to school. The objectives of the day are:

* Encourage children under the age of 10 to hold an adult’s hand when crossing roads
* Promoting the health benefits of walking
* Help create regular walking habits
* Helping children to develop vital road safety skills
* Promoting the use of public transport (school buses)
* Reducing car dependency and traffic congestion
* Reducing air pollution caused by motor vehicles

So, if you are able, put on your walking shoes next Friday, and try a different way to get to school! Pop in to the front office on arrival at school and pick up your ‘Walk Safely to School’ sticker!

A big Happy Birthday goes out to all our birthday children this week:

Hayden, KA
Heidi, KM
Ethan 1-2O
Indiana 1-2W
Richard, 1-2W
Ethan, 3-4F
Emmily, 3-4H
Riley, 5-6J
Vivani, 5-6T

We hope you all had a fantastic day!
Banking News

Thank you to all our bankers. We welcome new children to open an account and bank with us at Ballina Public. Please note: We are only able to accept and process bank books that we receive before 10:30am on Wednesdays. After this time, the banking details have already been entered electronically, and latecomers cannot be added. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

The Banking Team

P & C News

COFFEE CLUB

All Parents and Carers are welcome to join us for free afternoon tea, every second Thursday from 2.30~3pm. The Next Coffee Club will be Thursday, May 28th. It’s a great opportunity to catch up, and meet other families from our school, and to have an informal chat with our Principal, Peter Flannery.

Hope to see you there.

Next week’s Meal Deal ~ “T-Rex Toastie” Ham or Chicken & Cheese Toasted Sandwich, Nudie Juice Popper, a packet of Cookies, plus a surprise. Only $5.00.

Please & Thank you ~ We love hearing the ‘Magic Words’ at the canteen. It’s great to hear most children using their manners without prompting. It’s a great lesson in life to be respectful and kind to one another. Thank you.

Did you Know You can’t taste food without saliva!

Colleen 0457 641431

New Winter Uniform

As the weather is getting cooler, we are considering options for warmer clothing for children to wear to school. This is an example of what may be available. We are asking for an expression of interest, is this something that you would like to see as part of our school uniform? Approximate cost would be $35.00.

Please fill in your preference below and return to the office. Thank you for your input.

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| Alison/Amy | Alison/Amy | Therese | |

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