Dear Parents and Carers,

I have spent the first three days this week in Sydney undertaking a professional development course called “The Art of Leadership”. It centres on internal psychology and the idea that all of one’s behaviours are to satisfy the genetic needs of safety, love, freedom, power and fun. We find that when dealing with student behaviour, external motivations such as rewards or sanctions have only a nominal effect. Through our student wellbeing programs and explicit teaching of values, students learn to treat each other and their teachers with respect and fairness - not because of a reward, but because it is the right thing to do.

It was once again very pleasing to witness the Ballina PS choir and dance troupe perform at Ballina Fair for Education Week. The students looked and sounded amazing, and there were so many positive comments given by the public. Another pleasing feature was the Ballina HS performers who obviously grew their love of the creative arts whilst attending our school. Congratulations and thank you to Mrs Felicity Murphy and Mrs Amanda Drinkwater for co-ordinating the performances.

Sadly I have missed most of the special days from the canteen this week, but from what I have heard they have been a great success. It regularly goes unnoticed but I think our canteen is one of the best on the North Coast. Thanks to Colleen, Alison and all the volunteers.

Thanks to Ariella, Brydie and Jackson who visited me to show how awesome they were at reading. Thanks also to Taylia and Deklan who came to show me their wonderful writing this week. Well done kids!

Regards,
Peter Flannery
Principal
**Canteen Week** ~ Was a great success! Thank you to everyone who ordered special meals during the week, I hope you enjoyed them. We had fun decorating the canteen each day to suit the theme. Footy Day was the highlight of the week, with lots of free taste testing and giveaways. Thanks to Woolworths, River St. for coming out with some yummy fruit sticks for us to try. It was a very busy week. Thank you to my trusty volunteers and a **SPECIAL** thanks to Alison & Deb who helped me all week, without you I couldn’t have done it!!

**Next Weeks Meal Deal** ~ Fried Rice, Tutea Fruitea Iced Tea, Pretzels or Cereal Snacks, plus a surprise. $5.00.

**New Flavour** – Bubblegum Fandangle is now available. $1.50.

Colleen 0457 641431

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**Education Week with 1-2O**

This week is Education Week. 1/20 discussed on Monday why we celebrate Public Education for Education Week each year. We were talking about all of the things that make our school great and why we think we’re lucky to come to a public school. We would like to share some of our writing with you.

I like my teacher because she teaches us. I have been here at this school for two years. Also, I like Cindy, she also helps me. I like this school because it’s cool.

Grady – Year 1

I like this school and I like writing the best. It’s totally AWESOME!!! And KILLER COOL!!! I also like the tech centre. I like learning numbers that I don’t know, for example 1 000 000. I am lucky to come to this school.

Archie – Year 1

I go to Ballina Public School and I am in Year 2. I have been here for 3 years and in 1/2O we do good stuff. We do maths and it’s fun and we do L3 in the mornings. I like playing with my sister at play time because it’s fun. I’m glad I get to come to Ballina Public School every single day!

Falon – Year 2

I like going to Ballina Public School because my friends are being nice to me. Katelyn makes sure they don’t be mean. The best part is my class 1/2O. We are learning to talk nicely to each other this week. It is the best school!

Lolah – Year 1

Janet O’Shannessy
Class teacher, 1-2O
Kindergarten Enrolments 2016

Do you have a child, or know of a child who is starting Kindergarten next year? We are currently organising Kindergarten for 2016 and would appreciate it if you could return the form below to the office please, so that your child’s name is on the invitation list for Kindergarten Orientation scheduled for early in term 4.

Year 6 Lake Ainsworth Excursion

During week 1, our year 6 group went to the Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation camp for an overnight stay. The students enjoyed a variety of activities including archery, indoor rock climbing, canoeing, sailing and tennis. Thank you to Mrs Cameron, Mr Janzen, Mr Thomas, and Lee for accompanying the children on this camp. A great time was had by all!
1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching

When: Thursday 20th August, Thursday 27th August & Thursday 3rd September 2015
Time: 10am - 12.30pm
Where: Ballina Presbyterian Church Hall, Corner of Cherry & Crane Street 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.

Ballina-Byron Family Centre Inc

To confirm a place in this free course please call Pete or Lisa 6686 4109
Cost: Free
Limited childcare is available so please discuss with us when you book.

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