Dear Parents and Carers,

There are further instances of our students performing in the wider community coming up next week. Our choir will be participating in the Coastal Kids concert on Tuesday where no doubt they will shine once again. On Thursday make sure you are listening in to Paradise FM on Thursday from 2pm when our school leaders will be “on air” to talk about the latest happenings at BPS. On Friday students will be representing Ballina district at the Far North Coast PSSA Athletics Carnival. Good luck to all our students.

Asbestos Boundary Fence, 25-29 Tamar Street, Ballina, NSW

As Principal of Ballina PS it is my duty to inform you that there is currently a hazard in the form of an asbestos boundary fence in close proximity to our school and that it may pose a potential health and safety risk to staff, pupils, volunteers, visitors and contractors that might come into contact with the fence or be exposed to asbestos airborne fibres if the asbestos is disturbed.

The asbestos boundary fence is situated on the premises at 25-29 Tamar Street, Ballina, NSW, and has the Holden Lane as one of its boundaries. This is the lane at the back of the East Site of the school.

If asbestos is disturbed it can release dangerous, fine particles of dust containing asbestos fibres. Significant health risks may arise from the inhalation of airborne asbestos fibres.

Rest assured that the owners of the property, in conjunction with Ballina Shire Council and health and safety contractors, are acting to rectify this problem as soon as possible. In the meantime I suggest that you do not enter or leave the school via this route.

I look forward to meeting with you at our upcoming P&C meeting on Monday night.

Regards
Peter Flannery
PRINCIPAL

Ballina Public School respectfully standing on Bundjalung Land
Learning Support Team

Listen to your children read....

The more often a child is given the opportunity to read aloud to a supportive adult or older sibling, the greater the chance they will form a lifelong love of reading and achieve a high level of reading success. We recommend that all children are given the opportunity to read or be read to for at least 15 minutes each day.

At Ballina Public we have a wonderful team of volunteers who give up to an hour or two of their time each week to come in and listen to our students read. Some are parents or grandparents of our students, others are members of the wider community. The helpers encourage, praise and prompt as they listen to individual students read aloud.

Coupled with parents, siblings or relatives reading with students at home, our volunteers add to the valuable time that each student spends reading aloud each week.

Thank You Volunteers

Pictured are just some of our reading helpers enjoying morning tea together at The Gallery Café in Cherry Street. Many are from the Ballina Evening View Club, whose philosophy is to donate time to enhance the education of local children. Many of the volunteers have told us that they get absolutely as much out of their time here as the children do! If you would like to join our team of volunteers, or you know someone who you think might enjoy listening to our children read, please ask them to give our lovely office ladies a call.

We would like to extend a huge thankyou to all the amazing people who volunteer at our school, from the canteen to the classroom. The staff, students and parents are truly grateful.

Bernie Kelly
Learning Support Teacher

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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.

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Good Luck Justine!

One of our year 4 students, Justine, has recently been selected in the North Coast Girls Touch Football team, a fantastic achievement! She will travel to Parramatta, Sydney to compete in the State Touch Football competition during week 6. We wish her the very best of luck, well done, Justine!

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Ballina Public School would like to extend a very Happy Birthday wish to:

Christina, 1-2W
Ebeny, 3-4N
Aaisha, 5-6T

We hope your day is fantastic!
Byron Bay Writers Festival

Today 41 students attended the Byron Bay Writers Festival to listen to Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton. Together they showed us how they come up with ideas for writing and build on them. They think up ridiculous ideas, and even more ridiculous ideas and then even more ridiculous ideas to make stories. They really were ridiculous….but funny.

Some of our students said:
“I really liked the creation of the prehistoric diarrhoea–saurus, which was pretty much a big splat on the ground. It looked like chocolate so that any time a dinosaur walked past and ate the mess it would then explode into diarrhoea and became a diarrhoea-saurus.” Maddy (5/6)

“I loved the hilarious pictures Terry Denton drew while Andy Griffiths spoke.” Jennifer (5/6)

All of our students were beautifully behaved, and everyone really enjoyed their time at the Writers Festival.

Julie Streader
Librarian

P&C News

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, August 13th. 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!

The P & C Committee

Canteen Week

Congratulations to Zenzi in 1/2W for winning the Canteen Week Draw. She won a $20.00 Gift Card and pack of fun goodies. Well done and thank you everyone for ordering during canteen week.

Next Week’s Meal Deal ~ Fried Rice, Tutea Frutetea Iced Tea, Pretzels or Cereal Snacks, plus a surprise. $5.00.

New Flavour ~ Bubblegum Fandangle is now also available. $1.50.

Discontinued ~ We no longer have Supreme Pizzas. Hawaiian are still available. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Did you know ~ The Australian Alps receive more snow than Switzerland.

Colleen 0457 641431

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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.

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

Ballina-Byron Family Centre Inc

FREE Parenting by Connection

This is a free six-week program that gives parents the tools they need to strengthen their relationships with their children. It will assist parents to:
- meet other parents
- learn ways to help manage emotions such as anger/frustration
- strengthen relationships with their children, creating a longer lasting bond
- gain new ideas on managing their children's tricky behaviour
- increase play and fun activities with their children
- reduce stress from parenting

Fridays - 10:00am – 1:00pm
7th August - 11th September
Venue: Interrelate
5 Market St
Lismore

Bookings Essential – Phone Belinda Keech
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