Dear Parents and Carers,

A concerning trend is building in our school regarding collecting children at the end of the day. More and more children are waiting for parents either in the office or in front of the school. Whilst this may be convenient for parents it is becoming more and more of a safety risk. In order to ensure the safety of our students I ask that if you are collecting your child that you park your vehicle and come into the school to collect them. Designated collection areas are the covered area and stage. I thank you in advance for supporting this student safety initiative.

The Tell Them From Me student and parent feedback surveys
I am delighted that our school is continuing with a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and typically takes our students less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours and participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students today. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Monday 24th August.

Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey regarding student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

This survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary; however, your responses are very much appreciated.


Congratulations to our students who performed at the Coastal Kids Concert on Tuesday. You once again looked and sounded fantastic!

Regards

Peter Flannery
PRINCIPAL
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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Enrolment for Kindergarten 2016
Child's name: _______________________________
Date of Birth: ______________________________
Address:____________________________________
Phone number: ______________________________
Parent Name/s: ______________________________
Sibling’s Name/s:_____________________________
Email Address:_______________________________

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District Athletics Carnival

On Friday the 31st of July, 30 of our students attended the District Athletics carnival in Alstonville. All students participated to the best of their abilities in all events. We had some very impressive results, with 16 students making it through to the Zone carnival in a range of events. Thank you to all the parents that came along to support and to cheer our students on.

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A cheery Ballina Public School Birthday wish goes out to these students this week:

Akia, 1-2M
Quaylan, 1-2M
Siarn, 3-4H
Matilda, 3-4N

We hope your day was a very special one, Happy Birthday!
Winter Uniform

Further to our survey during term 2 regarding Ballina Public School jumpers, we have obtained a sample from Lowes Menswear in Ballina. The jumper is made out of a heavy weight fabric, which would be very warm, and our emblem is embroidered onto the front. Production of the jumper will begin very shortly, and will be available to purchase later on in the term in store at Lowes in Ballina Fair.

Meet Our Students

NAME: Deon
YEAR: 5
CLASS: 5-6T
MY FAVOURITE MOVIE: The Terminator
WHAT I DO FOR FUN: Draw and play soccer
MY FAVOURITE FOOD: Pizza
MY FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Slugterra
MY FAVOURITE BAND: I don’t have one
MY FAVOURITE SUBJECTS: Maths
I LOVE COMING TO BPS BECAUSE... The people here are lovely and kind.

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 27th. 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

Next Weeks Meal Deal ~ T-Rex Toastie Toasted Chick or Ham & Cheese toasted sandwich, Nudie Juice Popper, watermelon cup, plus a surprise. $5.00.

Did you know ~ There is a berry called ‘Miracle Fruit’. When eaten, it will cause the taste of sour foods, such as lemon or lime to taste sweet. The effect can last for about 30 minutes. This berry originates from West Africa.

Colleen 0457 641431

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Community News and Advertising

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

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TINTENBAR-EAST BALLINA JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB - SIGN ON

When: Thurs 3 Sept 4.30pm – 6.00pm
Sat 5 Sept 10.30am – 12.00noon
Tues 8 Sept 4.30pm – 6.00pm
@ Kingsford Smith Nets, Owen Street, Ballina

Milo In2Cricket (5-8yrs) Tues pm: $75 (inc backpack)
Big Bash (7-10yrs) Wed pm, KSS: $75 (inc baggy hat for new players)
T20 Blast (7-16yrs) Wed pm, Fripp: $99 (inc CA hat & shirt)
U12s $90 U14s $95 U16s $100

More info: Colin Earl 0419 608 775
Brett Crawford 0438 648 094

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