Dear Parents and Carers,

As I mentioned last week Ballina Shire Council has called a half-day public holiday for Thursday 10th September for the Ballina Cup. This will mean that Ballina PS will close at 12noon and that students are to be collected at this time. Unfortunately buses will not be available. Please add this change to our normal routine to your calendars.

Ballina High School Parent Meeting
I have taken the opportunity to invite Ballina HS parents to a joint P&C meeting here at our school at 6pm on Monday 14th September to participate in a consultation session entitled 'Working Together to Plan for our new High School'. The consultation will be the major component of our planned P&C meeting, and will involve presentations from the Department of Education on the planned upgrade to Ballina HS. Principal of Ballina High Danny Henman will also be present. As the future changes to the school will directly affect your children, I encourage you to attend.

Partners in Learning Parent Feedback Surveys
Thank you to those parents who have completed the Partners in Learning survey regarding student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. If you haven't already done so, I remind you that the survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers and will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete. It is completely confidential and voluntary.
To access the survey please type the link below into your browser:
https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/login.htm
Username is parent18650_Password is Bal1112

School Administrative and Support Staff Recognition Week
It's that time of the year again when we say thank you to our wonderful SASS staff. Your children and I are truly blessed to have such lovely people bring happiness as well as professionalism into our lives each day. Thank you Sam, Michelle, Renee, Famee, Mary, Cindy, Rob, Wendy, Lee, Michael, Trevor, Anna, Eli, Mandy, Cheryl and Mary.

This will be my last message for the term as I am taking leave next week to travel to New Zealand for a family wedding. Mrs Michelle Stroud-Watts will serve as Relieving Principal whilst I am away.

Regards

Peter Flannery
PRINCIPAL

Ballina Cup
Half Day Holiday
Thursday, September 10th. Ballina Public will close at 12pm on this day, and all children will need to be either picked up or arrangements made for their safe travel home.

Weekly Assembly
Friday, September 11th in our school hall. 5-6C will have an item to share with us. Hope to see you there!
The 3 P’s for successful reading support at home….

**PAUSE:**
To help build your child’s reading confidence, it’s important to give them enough time to ‘work out’ any tricky or unknown words for themselves. If they get stuck on a word, wait 5 full seconds before offering a clue or prompt.

**PROMPT:**
If they don’t work out the word for themselves in 5 seconds, give them a general prompt like ‘what is the first sound in that word’ or ‘can you work out the first part of the word’ or ‘what word would make sense here’. Often these prompts will be enough for your child to work out the word for themselves.

**PRAISE:**
Every time your child works out a tricky or unknown word for themselves, give them lots of praise. After each paragraph or page, give more praise. Your praise is invaluable to their confidence and success as a reader.

If you would like to learn more about how to best help your child’s reading success, please don’t hesitate to call the school on 66862205 and ask for Bernie Kelly from the Learning Support Team. You are very welcome to come in and observe Pause, Prompt, Praise in action with your child/children.

Bernie Kelly
Learning and Support Teacher
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, September 17th. Please note the change of date due to the Ballina Cup half day holiday. 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!

FATHERS DAY

Thank you to everyone who supported the Fathers Day Stall and a special thanks to those who helped on the day. I hope all our Dads & Grandads enjoy their Father’s day and the special gifts their children chose for you.

The P&C Committee

Barbecue Ideas

Barbecues are a great Australian way of social cooking and keeping the kitchen clean. They don’t need to always mean sausages: consider how you could turn it into something simple, nourishing and a whole lot more exciting.

Lean hamburgers or Vege Burgers (homemade patties containing vegetables &/or lentils/beans) on bread rolls, served with
* coleslaw
* onions and tomato
* pepper & parsley
* BBQ capsicum and onion slices

Use wholemeal and multigrain varieties, there is no need to butter rolls. For small children offer mini burgers.

Offer barbequed vegies, for example BBQ corn cobs or sweet potato; or thread any of these vegetables: eggplant, zucchini, mushrooms, onion, capsicum, celery and pineapple pieces onto skewers for a delicious side dish. Enjoy!

Reminder All lunch orders need to be in before 10am. We are usually pressed for time, so a lot of late lunch orders really slows things down. Thanks for your cooperation.

Next Weeks Meal Deal

‘Wrap it up’ ~ 1/2 chicken & salad wrap, flavoured Milk, smooze, plus a surprise. $5.00.

Did you know Smooze are made with coconut milk & contain 100% natural ingredients. They are rich in vitamin C.

Colleen 0457 641431

Enrolment for Kindergarten 2016

Child’s name: ____________________________________________
Date of Birth: ____________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________
Phone number: ___________________________________________
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Sibling’s Name/s: _________________________________________
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Alstonville Swimming Club sign on

Come swim with the friendliest club on the North Coast!
The Alstonville Swimming Club’s new season commences on Monday, 31st August and the club will be holding a sign on for new swimmers from 9.30am-10.30am at the Alstonville swimming pool on Saturday 5th September and again on Saturday 12th September.

Swimming with the Alstonville club is for all swimmers of all standards, catering from the very young through to the serious, competitive swimmer. Last year, our swimmers enjoyed some terrific results with around a third making it through to representative school level swimming and selection in development squads.

We have a highly experienced team of coaches so come along and join a fast growing, fun sport.
For further details, contact Michael Thompson, President, on 0428 659 237 or michael2477@gmail.com

WE UNDERSTAND, RENOVATION CAN BE OH SO TRICKY

Go anywhere near a hardware store this weekend and you’ll see people buzzing about, dipping into paint pots and pondering swatches.

COME ALONG TO OUR 2 HOUR WORKSHOP...

1. Find out about paint colour, where to start and how to build your colour palette
2. Learn how to select tiles for success
3. PLUS pick up the latest styling tips.

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9.30AM - 11.30AM
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SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER
ALSTONVILLE

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Our School Ticket Sale

Village Roadshow Theme Parks is offering our school community a limited time ticket offer. Simply visit ThemeParks.com.au/promocode and enter our promocode “CPC615” to gain access to these ticket offers.

Terms & conditions apply, offer valid for a limited time.