Dear Parents and Carers,

You are probably aware that Ballina Shire Council has, like in previous years, 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.

Partners in Learning Parent Feedback Surveys
As I mentioned last week our school is 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.

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 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

Yesterday we enjoyed our book character parade as part of Book Week. The students have also enjoyed attending the Book Fair, as evidenced by the photos of 5/6C yesterday. Congratulations to Mrs Streader for her organisation (I love how she signs off on her emails – “Kids who read, succeed!”)

Regards

Peter Flannery
PRINCIPAL
Spelling Bee

Last week BPS held our annual Spelling Bee. What amazingly talented students we have! They are so good at spelling that despite a lot of very tricky words, we were unable to find a winner for either category on the day.

The only solution ~ a spell-off!

Well done to all the finalists who represented their classes so well, you made us all very proud! In the end, the winners and runners up were:

   Junior (Stage 2) Reuben and Ellie
   Senior (Stage 3) Vivani and Netikah

All four students will now go to the Regional Finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee in Lismore to represent Ballina Public School. Congratulations!

Thank you to our wonderful adjudicators Ms Thwaites and Ms Morgan and to the whole school for showing their support.

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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.

Enrolment for Kindergarten 2016

| Child’s name: ____________________________ |
| Date of Birth: ___________________________ |
| Address: ________________________________ |
| Phone number: ___________________________ |
| Parent Name/s: __________________________ |
| Sibling’s Name/s: ________________________ |
| Email Address: __________________________ |

NAME: Biega

YEAR: 6

CLASS: 5-6J

MY FAVOURITE MOVIE: 22 Jump Street

WHAT I DO FOR FUN: Swimming

MY FAVOURITE FOOD: Ice cream

MY FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Pretty Little Liars

MY FAVOURITE BAND: AC/DC

MY FAVOURITE SUBJECT: Sport

I LOVE COMING TO BPS BECAUSE… I get to be with my friends

Meet Our Students
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 10th. 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

The Northern NSW Local Health District would like to remind parents and carers that the Child Oral Health Service offers **FREE dental care to ALL children under 18.**
~Oral health is essential for health and wellbeing.
~It is recommended that children have regular dental check ups starting at 1 year of age.
~Regular dental check ups can prevent minor problems becoming major ones and prevent unnecessary pain and distress.
~Dental visits can be fun for kids, treat these visits as normal, routine events so as not to develop fear.

**Fathers Day Stall**

Next Wednesday, September 2nd, the P&C have organised a stall for children to purchase gifts to celebrate Fathers Day 2015. Students are able to attend the stall during the morning session class time. There is a large range of quality gifts available from 50c to $7.00. It’s a great way for the children to make a choice for a gift themselves.

**Friendly Reminder** ~ We apologise, but unfortunately we cannot reheat/cook food that is brought from home, due to health and safety regulations.

**Next Weeks Meal Deal**

‘Wrap it up’ ~ 1/2 chicken & Salad wrap, flavoured milk, a Smooze, plus a surprise. Only $5.00.

**Did you know** ~ If you spill raw egg on the floor, sprinkle a generous amount of flour to cover the spill, wait about 10 minutes then sweep it up with a dustpan. No more slimy mess!

Colleen 0457 641431

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AIA Vitality MiniRoos Kick-Off for Girls is an introductory football program for girls aged 5-11 starting October 2015. Visit the website to find a location nearest you.


COME CELEBRATE WITH US!
It's Alstonville's 150th Anniversary!
On Saturday September 12th from 12noon to 9.30pm
Street Parade, Showground events and Fireworks
A great family day out so come help us celebrate... 150 years of Alstonville

Ballina Lighthouse and Lismore Surf Life Saving Club
2012 Surf Life Saving NSW and SLS Australia Club of the Year
2014 Surf Life Saving NSW Club of the Year

Nipper Information Day:
Saturday 19 September 2015, 1 - 4 pm at the Ballina Surf Club, East Ballina.
Nippers - Providing a safe, friendly and welcoming environment to develop surf awareness skills for kids aged 5 to 13.

Water activities will be held in Shaws Bay until the ocean is deemed to be safe. The Nippers program is about much more than being in the ocean and includes many out of water activities such as first aid, water safety, education, beach activities and competition. Our aim is to educate our Nippers about being safe and confident at the beach while keeping the activities fun, interesting and age appropriate.

New and existing members can only register their membership on-line. Go to www.ballinasurfclub.com.au and follow the instructions.

For more information email ballina.nippers@gmail.com

Sign On
www.futsalfnc.com.au

Go For The Goal
Alstonville Leisure & Entertainment Centre
27th Aug & 3rd Sept
4.00pm – 5.30pm
Online registration opens 1st August

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