Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have noticed the new LED sign at the front of the school that is currently being installed. It is sure to be a great addition to our school in terms of information provision to our community. The old changeable sign is to be dismantled and so if you know of someone who may be interested in it then please let the school know.

On a similar theme I understand the P&C are planning to hold a stall at the North Coast Village Market which is held on our school grounds (the next one is on March 13th). You may have quality items that could be donated. Please see the ladies in the canteen if this is the case.

Parent Input Please

As part of our school planning processes I am after further parental input. To this end I have two initiatives planned:

a) I would like to host some regular meetings with parents (perhaps twice per term) and suggest just after the students begin class and/or just before the end of the day. Coffee/tea/cake will be offered and these meetings should only take thirty minutes or so. I have earmarked 10th March at 2.30pm for our first meeting. If you would like to be involved in offering your thoughts at these meetings please leave a message with the office.

b) I would also like to gain feedback via email (for those parents who cannot attend at school). If you would be happy to receive emails from me regarding your thoughts on school plans etc, please contact the office with your email address.

As our clients, you are in the best position to provide feedback to the school so that our programs are meeting the needs of your children.

Don’t forget to send your child to school on Monday in their best uniform (and with big smiles) for our school photos. Our whole school photo will be first up, so please ensure your child is at school on time.

Regards

Peter Flannery
A very special surprise visitor appeared in Kindergarten on Tuesday!
**PBL News**

**Be Safe, Be Fair, Be a Learner**

The PBL focus for this week was expectations in the toilets. Children understand that when they are in the toilet the expectation is to use it in a respectful way and toilets are not for playing in or around. There has been a noticeable improvement in this area throughout the week. Well done to all children for recognising that this is an important school expectation and helping to make our school a great place to be. Next week’s focus will be eating in the eating area and rubbish. Thank you.
The PBL Team

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**P&C News**

**Coffee Club**

All Parents and Carers are welcome to join us for a free afternoon tea, every second Thursday from 2:30 to 3:00pm, near the canteen. The next Coffee Club will be Thursday, March 3rd. 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!

**Market Stall**

The P&C have decided to hold a stall at the North Coast Village Market, which is held in our school grounds every 2nd Sunday. The next one is on March 13th. We will be selling Second Hand Books & Educational Toys or Puzzles. **We need donations of these items**, if you have any you wish to donate, you can drop them into the Office or Canteen. All money raised will be used by the P&C for equipment for our school.

Thanks in advance.
The P&C Committee

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**HSIE News**

Stage 3 has followed up on last week’s activities in the BPS vegetable garden by collecting the data about our experiment. As a group we discussed the steps involved, then drew and labeled diagrams to show our work.

Mrs Murphy & Mrs Drinkwater

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Next Weeks **MEAL DEAL** ~

‘T-Rex Toastie’ Ham or Chicken & Cheese Toasted sandwich, Sipahh straw with mini milk, cookies, plus a surprise. Only $5.00.

**Did you know** Our Meat Pies & Sausage rolls are made with 7 hidden vegetables. The kids will never know!!

**We need you!!** Every time you help out in the canteen your name goes in the draw to win a prize at the end of the term. If you would like to help, come and see me, call or text. It would be great to hear from you.

Colleen 0457 641431

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The Family Centre
123 MAGIC
Wednesdays March 9–March 23
10am–12pm
Ballina Presbyterian Church Hall, Ballina
3 week course explores a down-to-earth, child-friendly and effective discipline approach that encourages good behaviour for children 2-12 yrs.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?
Three strategies to choose from when your child misbehaves
Three straightforward steps to: control difficult behaviour, encourage good behaviour, strengthen your relationship
How your own behaviour can influence your child and how to encourage cooperation around the home
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