Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been some concerns regarding payment for school events such as swimming lessons or excursions. Whilst the school strives to be as flexible as possible with payments, new accounting systems put in place mean that deadlines will need to be strictly adhered to. The school promises that, wherever possible, a good deal of notice will be given regarding deadlines for payment. Please ensure that payments are received prior to the due date and that the school is contacted if financial assistance is required.

**National Day of Action on Bullying**
I am pleased to announce that our school is participating in the National Day of Action on Bullying on Friday 18th March. During the day there will be a special assembly and each class will be working on some special anti-bullying strategies. More details will be coming soon and I invite you to join in and support this initiative.

**How 2 Learn**
The amalgamation of Ballina HS and Southern Cross K-12 is not just happening physically. Already there are significant changes to curriculum delivery being planned and implemented, and this certainly affects Ballina PS. Our Year 5 and 6 students will be participating in a different (and exciting) learning structure once they get to Year 7, and our current Year 4 students will be the first intake of Year 7s into the new school. Teams of teachers from the two high schools and the feeder primary schools are participating in a program called How 2 Learn – a whole school strategy that enables schools to refocus their energies upon what matters most in education – learning.

**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.

Thank you for the wonderfully positive feedback regarding the new LED Sign. It looks fantastic and not only is it going to be great in delivering messages, it certainly enhances our presence within the community.

Regards
Peter Flannery
PRINCIPAL
New High School Update

Last week a small team were fortunate to travel to Auckland New Zealand to spend the day at Hobsonville Point Secondary School. It was an inspirational experience. Similar to our vision for the new school in Ballina, students are at the centre of all decisions made at Hobsonville Point. This ensures that students develop as confident, connected, actively involved life-long learners.

The values they encourage, model and explore are:

**EXCELLENCE:** Setting high standards.

**CONNECTEDNESS:** Connecting respectfully with others, engaging with learning, community and opportunities.

**COLLABORATION:** Working cooperatively in partnership with and learning from others.

**INQUIRY:** Questioning, reviewing and reflecting to ensure continuous improvement and problem-solving.

**INNOVATION:** Taking risks by trying new and different ways of thinking to achieve positive impact.

The material gathered at Hobsonville Point will be invaluable in assisting the Year 7 team who are currently developing a new approach to the curriculum.

If you would like to find out more please come to our information evening on the Thursday the 10th March at Southern Cross School K-12. School tours will commence at 5pm with a BBQ. An information session will run from 6pm.

Remember if you have any questions please contact me and I will endeavour to find an answer.

Sue Page
Deputy Principal Strategic Directions.

**Naming the new High School**

**Guidelines for Naming Schools**

It is the policy of the NSW Department of Education and Communities to choose names for schools and for specific parts of school premises which are appropriate, acceptable to the local school community and do not duplicate past or present names.

_Schools 7-12 are to be named High School_

Whenever possible the school should adopt the name of the suburb, town or locality in which it is situated.

Where it is not possible to use the locality name, or where the locality name is regarded as unsuitable, a number of alternatives should be considered, for example:

a. Local people such as pioneering men, women or families, VC winners, writers, scientists, artists, explorers and community leaders

b. Aboriginal local place names or words
c. Famous Australians.

Below is the next list of options with an explanation.

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To have your say, please go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5J62SWZ
Banking News

School Banking will continue every Wednesday, books can be dropped off to Joan of a morning before the first bell. If you are going to be away, you can still participate in banking by leaving your book with slips filled out and money with Joan in advance.

If you have younger children at home, they are welcome to bank with us also, please see Joan for details.

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 and 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.

Easter Raffle
Easter is coming up quick, and we will be running a raffle again this year. We are asking for Families to donate anything Easter themed, to make up hampers for prizes. Raffle ticket books will be sent home shortly.

Thanks in Advance,
The P&C Committee

School Zone Parking

Our local shire council has recently provided our school with information on parking and traffic restrictions that are in place for the roads around our school. Please be aware that Council rangers monitor the school zones during the morning and afternoon periods, and will issue infringement notices for illegally parked and stopped vehicles.

There is more information available with regards to road rules in school zones on the council website www.ballina.nsw.gov.au which includes:

~Pedestrian Crossings
~Intersections
~Double Parking
~Bus Zones
~No Parking Zones
~No Stopping Zones
~Drop Off Zones

Lets work together to keep our kids safe!

Next Weeks MEAL DEAL
‘Rice Power’, Fried Rice, 600ml Bottle of water, Packet of Vege Chips. plus a surprise. Only $5.00.

Did you know ~ Giraffes and Rats can last longer without water than camels.

We need you!! ~ Volunteering in the canteen is a great way to meet your children’s friends and teachers. If you would like to help, come in and see me, or you can just call or text. It would be great to hear from you.

Colleen 0457 641431

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Community News and Advertising These advertisements are accepted in good faith and the school does not vet them. Parents are advised to request further information or credentials, if they seek product use or participation in the activity.

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**NCV Design & Lifestyle Market**

MARKET is on at your school Sunday March 13th! 9am to 1pm. Want a stall? They do craft, recycled and second hand stalls for $20.
Contact Leona ncvmarket@gmail.com

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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
- Simple strategies to practise being a calm parent, discover how your silence can speak louder than words

Childcare can be provided.

Bookings are essential please call
9am–12.30pm Monday–Friday
(02) 6686 4109 or email
info@thefamilycentre.org.au

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**LEARN JAPANESE OR CHINESE**

Offering professional, experienced language instruction in Ballina for children and adults around the Northern Rivers.

Phone 0422 569212
More details northcoastlang.com.au

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**COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS**

YEAR 7 2017
INFORMATION EVENING

Year 6 students and their families are invited to come along to find out about the exciting educational opportunities on offer for our students in 2017.

**THURSDAY 10th MARCH 2016**

School tour and Sausage Sizzle commences at 5.00pm

Information Session
6.00pm - 7.30pm

Southern Cross School Gym
Chickiba Drive, East Ballina

Any enquiries please phone:
Ballina - 6686 2133
Southern Cross - 6686 0503

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**RHEE TAE KWON DO**

Now training at Ballina Public School
Ring Regional Instructor Mark on 0427 626952 for details.