



The Hive



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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I sit here today and write the final newsletter for the year and for me as Acting Principal. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time this year sitting in the chair in Peter's absence and would like to thank everyone for their support during this time. It's been a wonderful experience for me and I've learnt a great deal and have thoroughly enjoyed it. Peter will be returning to Ballina Public School as Principal in January 2015 and we all look forward to having him return.

Sadly Mrs Jenny Noble and Mrs Sue Davie will retire at the end of this year. Both ladies have been working at Ballina Public School for many years. Their knowledge, wisdom, caring, thoughtful and humorous nature will be missed greatly by all staff and students. We wish them all the best in their retirement years ahead. Congratulations to you both!

Staffing positions for 2015 have been finalised and are as follows:

The Kindergarten and Stage 1 team will be led by Janet O'Shannessy – Assistant Principal

Kindergarten (KM) – Marion Thwaites
 Kindergarten (KA) – Amanda Taylor
 Years 1 & 2 (1/2O) - Janet O'Shannessy
 Years 1 & 2 (1/2M) – Simon McLean
 Years 1 & 2 (1/2W) – Stephanie Whalan
 Band/Choir and Reading Recovery – Amanda Drinkwater

The Stage 2 team will be led by Lyn Parker – Relieving Assistant Principal

Years 3 & 4 (3/4H) – Ian Hardy
 Years 3 & 4 (3/4F) – Melanie Franklin
 Years 3 & 4 (3/4N) – Vanessa Nelson
 Dance & Drama RFF teacher – Felicity Murphy

The Stage 3 team will be led by Greg Thomas – Assistant Principal

Years 5 & 6 (5/6L) – Len Janzen
 Years 5 & 6 (5/6C) – Mary Cameron
 Years 5 & 6 (5/6T) – Greg Thomas
 Librarian/RFF teacher – Julie Streader

Bronwen Eady will be working in the Learning and Support Teacher role K-6.
 Bernadette Kelly will be working in the Learning and Support Teacher role K-6 in a part-time capacity.

Enjoy the weekend,

Janet O'Shannessy
 Acting Principal

Calendar

Whole School Assembly

Monday, December 15th at 10am, for sports awards, house awards and announcements of 2015 school captains

Gold Medallion Assembly

Tuesday, December 16th, at 9:30am

Chatswood High School Band visit

Tuesday, December 16th at 12:45pm

Last Day for Students, for 2014

Wednesday, December 17th.

Return Dates for 2015

Years 1~6
 Wednesday, January 28th, 2015
 Kindergarten
 Thursday, January 29th, 2015

Book Packs 2015

Prices as follows:
 Kindy to year 2
 ~\$40
 Year 3 to Year 6
 ~\$50

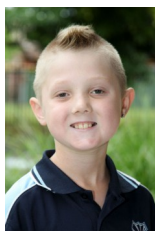
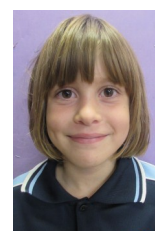
Voluntary Contribution

\$30 per child
 or
 \$50 per family

Have a safe and happy holiday, we look forward to seeing you all back in 2015



Congratulations to our Royal Bees

Lilly**Age:/Class:** 5, KA**Hobbies:** Playing in the sandpit**Favourite Movie:** Frozen**Favourite Colour:** Rainbow**Favourite Food:** Mandarins**Best thing about being a royal bee:** Being a leader**Teleah****Age:/Class:** 6, KA**Hobbies:** Playing on the swings**Favourite Movie:** Frozen**Favourite Colour:** Black and pink**Favourite Food:** Potatoes**Best thing about being a royal bee:** Sitting on the stage**Shatarlee****Age:/Class:** 6, KA**Hobbies:** Playing in the playground**Favourite Movie:** Frozen**Favourite Colour:** Red and blue**Favourite Food:** Spaghetti bolognaise**Best thing about being a royal bee:** Being the leader**Caiden****Age:/Class:** 5, KA**Hobbies:** Skate boarding**Favourite Movie:** Power Rangers**Favourite Colour:** Pink and red**Favourite Food:** Pears**Best thing about being a royal bee:** Being first on the computers**Koby****Age:/Class:** 10, 3-4E**Hobbies:** Playing with my friends**Favourite Movie:** Grown Ups 2**Favourite Colour:** Pink, purple and blue**Favourite Food:** Chocolate cake**Best thing about being a royal bee:** Everything**Dayle****Age:/Class:** 10, 3-4E**Hobbies:** Running and Itta**Favourite Movie:** Home and Away**Favourite Colour:** Blue and green**Favourite Food:** Pizza**Best thing about being a royal bee:** Sitting on the stage**Bailey****Age:/Class:** 9, 3-4T**Hobbies:** Football**Favourite Movie:** Real Steel**Favourite Colour:** Black and red**Favourite Food:** Bacon**Best thing about being a royal bee:** Awesomeness**Susan****Age:/Class:** 5, KA**Hobbies:** Playing on my trampoline**Favourite Movie:** Megamind**Favourite Colour:** Blue**Favourite Food:** Potatoes**Best thing about being a royal bee:** Sitting on the stage**Andrew****Age:/Class:** 6, KA**Hobbies:** Swimming**Favourite Movie:** Frozen**Favourite Colour:** Rainbow**Favourite Food:** Nutella**Best thing about being a royal bee:** That I am close to 100**Louise****Age:/Class:** 6, KA**Hobbies:** Bike riding**Favourite Movie:** Despicable me 2**Favourite Colour:** Pink and purple**Favourite Food:** Nutella**Best thing about being a royal bee:** Being on the stage**Jenapher-Lee****Age:/Class:** 9, 3-4E**Hobbies:** Playing with my friends**Favourite Movie:** Hop**Favourite Colour:** Red**Favourite Food:** Watermelon**Best thing about being a royal bee:** Getting to sit on the stage**Chloe****Age:/Class:** 8, 3-4E**Hobbies:** Soccer**Favourite Movie:** Frozen**Favourite Colour:** Blue**Favourite Food:** Pizza**Best thing about being a royal bee:** Sitting up on the stage**Harry****Age:/Class:** 10, 3-4E**Hobbies:** Swimming, running and playing**Favourite Movie:** Mocking Jay**Favourite Colour:** Aqua**Favourite Food:** Pizza and chinese food**Best thing about being a royal bee:** Being in the newsletter**Hayden****Age:/Class:** 10, 3-4T**Hobbies:** Running and dancing**Favourite Movie:** The Lego Movie**Favourite Colour:** Purple**Favourite Food:** Pizza**Best thing about being a royal bee:** Being in the newsletter

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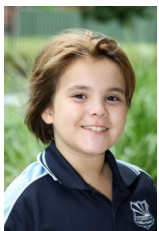
Marley
Age:/Class: 10, 3-4E
Hobbies: Football and cricket
Favourite Movie: Jaws 3
Favourite Colour: Red
Favourite Food: Pies
Best thing about being a royal bee: Everything



Summer
Age:/Class: 10, 3-4E
Hobbies: Running and itta
Favourite Movie: Snakes On A Plane
Favourite Colour: Blue
Favourite Food: Chocolate cake
Best thing about being a royal bee: Sitting on the stage at assembly



Abbey
Age:/Class: 9, 3-4E
Hobbies: Swimming
Favourite Movie: Frozen
Favourite Colour: Red
Favourite Food: KFC and noodles
Best thing about being a royal bee: Being on the stage



Marli
Age:/Class: 10, 3-4E
Hobbies: Playing with my sister
Favourite Movie: Hunger Games
Favourite Colour: Green
Favourite Food: Chocolate
Best thing about being a royal bee: Everything



Byron
Age:/Class: 10, 3-4T
Hobbies: Playing itta
Favourite Movie: Fast and Furious
Favourite Colour: Red
Favourite Food: Watermelon
Best thing about being a royal bee: Having my photo in the newsletter



Neesha
Age:/Class: 9, 3-4T
Hobbies: Playing itta and the golden child
Favourite Movie: Frozen
Favourite Colour: Pink and purple
Favourite Food: Tacos
Best thing about being a royal bee: Sitting on the stage



Bree
Age:/Class: 8, 3-4E
Hobbies: Playing tips
Favourite Movie: Adventure Time
Favourite Colour: Blue
Favourite Food: Pizza
Best thing about being a royal bee: Being a leader



Hope
Age:/Class: 8, 3-4E
Hobbies: Bike riding
Favourite Movie: Bolt
Favourite Colour: Blue
Favourite Food: Apples
Best thing about being a royal bee: Having my photo in the newsletter



Alley
Age:/Class: 10, 3-4E
Hobbies: Running and itta
Favourite Movie: Hop
Favourite Colour: Black
Favourite Food: Cake
Best thing about being a royal bee: Sitting on the stage



Jimmy
Age:/Class: 9, 3-4T
Hobbies: Running and eating
Favourite Movie: Fast and Furious
Favourite Colour: Purple
Favourite Food: Ice cream
Best thing about being a royal bee: Being on the stage



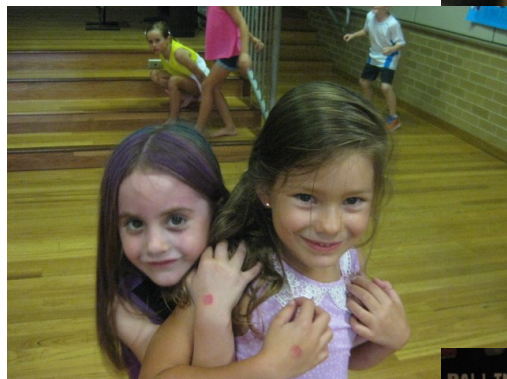
Lilly M
Age:/Class: 9, 3-4T
Hobbies: Playing itta
Favourite Movie: Conjury
Favourite Colour: Blue
Favourite Food: Not sure
Best thing about being a royal bee: Sitting on the stage



Justine
Age:/Class: 9, 3-4T
Hobbies: Running and little athletics
Favourite Movie: Step up and All In
Favourite Colour: Blue and purple
Favourite Food: Tacos
Best thing about being a royal bee: Sitting on the stage



Ballina Public School





End of Year Disco

Band and Choir News

Ukuleles



If your child has a school ukulele on loan, can you please ensure that this is returned to the school by Monday, December 15th (week 11) so that an instrument stocktake can be completed.

Thank you kindly

Band and Choir

Thank you to the band and choir members for all of your hard work this year. The choir have 2 performances remaining this year, the first is at the Riverside Carols at Kingsford Smith Park on Sunday 14th December at 6.30pm (wearing School uniform and Christmas bling!) and the second is at the whole school presentation assembly at 10am on Monday 15th December. The band will also perform at this assembly, as well as presentation of choir and band awards. Students who have not paid first term band fees (or a part thereof) will need to return their instruments to the band room on this day. Once again thank you for all of your hard work.

Warm Regards

Amanda Drinkwater

Meet our students

NAME: Chelsea M

YEAR: 6

CLASS: 5-6F

MY FAVOURITE MOVIE: Men in Black 3

WHAT I DO FOR FUN: Play with my friends

MY FAVOURITE FOOD: Chocolate

MY FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Home and Away

MY FAVOURITE BAND: Justice Crew

MY FAVOURITE SUBJECTS: Sport and art

I LOVE COMING TO BPS BECAUSE... I get to see my friends



happy birthday

A big Happy Birthday to these special people, who have birthdays this week, and for the rest of December...

Caiden, KA
Emilie, 1-2H
Jamaiya, 1-2H
Mia, 1-2H
Misty, 1-2S
Oliver, 1-2S
Katelyn, 1-2S
Elleemae, 1-2M
Mullaya, 1-2M
Mikayla, 3-4T
Laura, 3-4W
Hope, 3-4E
Jay, 3-4E
Mikaere, 3-4W
Joan, 5-6S
Bonnie, 5-6S
Maureen, 5-6F
Lydia, 5-6T
Brandon, 5-6F

We hope your day is a very special one!!



the lunchbox canteen news



Congratulations! The winner of the canteen volunteer draw, is Alison! She has won a \$20 Coles/Myer gift card. Well Done!



THANK YOU To everyone who has supported the canteen this year, we have had a very successful year. A *Special Thank You* to everyone who has volunteered their time in helping me run the canteen, without you the canteen would not survive! Also a big thank you to the P&C Members for their support and who are always there when I need them.

If you would like to come and help in the canteen next year, please let me know, I would love to hear from you.

Good Luck to all of year 6. It's been a pleasure serving you since Kindergarten!! I hope you enjoy the next phase in your life.

Have a wonderful Christmas break, looking forward to seeing you in 2015.

Colleen. 0457 641431

Year 6 Farewell

Thank you to all who attended the Year 6 Farewell night at Ballina Public School. It was a fantastic night, and everyone had a great time. Thank you to the parents who brought along delicious dishes to share, our teachers really appreciated it. An extra big THANK YOU goes out to Mrs Cameron, Mr Thomas and Mrs Franklin for organising the whole event. Farewell Year 6 of 2014, Ballina Public School wishes you all a bright and happy future!





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for 2015

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makinmovesdancestudio@gmail.com

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Dates:

6th, 7th & 8th January
13th, 14th & 15th January

Times:

9-12 and 1-4

Prices:

Half day-\$30
Full day-\$40
All 3 days-\$100

For further information call
Suzie on 0423567803

email: northcoastelite@hotmail.com



Keyboard / Piano lessons

Keyboard for Christmas? Are you aged between 6 and 96 years of age??

Have you always wanted to know how to play the piano/keyboard or just brush up your existing skills? Maybe you or your child would like to come and try a few lessons in Ballina.

Lessons are an individual half hour (unless you have 2 children and then I am flexible). If you or your child has an additional need I also very willing to try and make my lessons suitable and enjoyable for them.

If you would like more information about me and my qualifications they will be emailed to you separately.

Lessons are \$25 pay as you go and no obligation to book in for a term.

Contact Sharee on 0412693551 or email me shareem59@hotmail.com

