



# The Hive



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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware students are required to attend school each day. On occasion, your child or children may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons may include:

- Being sick, or having an infectious disease
- Having an unavoidable medical appointment
- Being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- Exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents. Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays, and if travel during school term is necessary, please arrange a time to discuss this with me.

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide it with a verbal or written explanation of the absence. Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness.

The Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school. The school looks forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

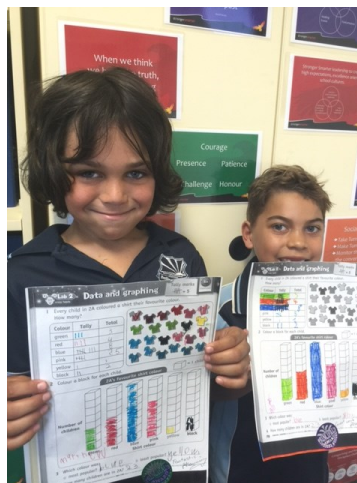
### "Forward to the Past"

Yesterday the whole school was involved in their first rehearsal for "Forward to the Past". We are very excited about how it is coming together. As well as purchasing your tickets and seeing the show, please consider volunteering your time to help with the production or with the P&C who are providing refreshments on the nights. Tickets are selling fast, and I urge you to get in quick.

Thanks to Matt and Romie who came to show me the great work they are doing in maths. Well done boys!

Regards

Peter Flannery  
PRINCIPAL



## Calendar

For Week 7

### Life Education

Begins Monday, November 16th, and runs until Monday, November 23rd.

### BHS Friendship Building Picnic

For year 6 students, Wednesday, November 18th. Students are to meet at the Ballina High School COLA at 9:30am to participate in activities with BHS staff.

### ATSI

Achievement Night Thursday, November 19th, in our school hall, from 5:30pm. Includes a BBQ for all families to enjoy.

### Weekly Assembly

Friday, November 20th in our school hall. All welcome! Kindergarten will have an item to share with us. Hope to see you there!



### Congratulations to our SILVER Bees!



Lara, 5-6J



Laura, 5-6J



Darby, 5-6J



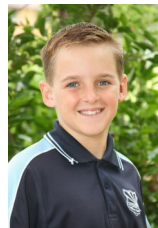
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Jackson, 5-6J



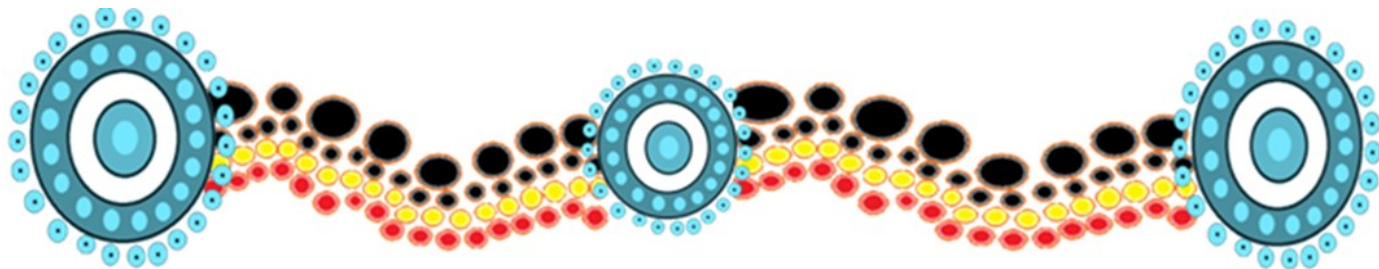
Kaleb, 5-6J



Jacob, 5-6J



Milly, 5-6J



### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Achievement Night

Next Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> November we will be celebrating our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Achievement Night.

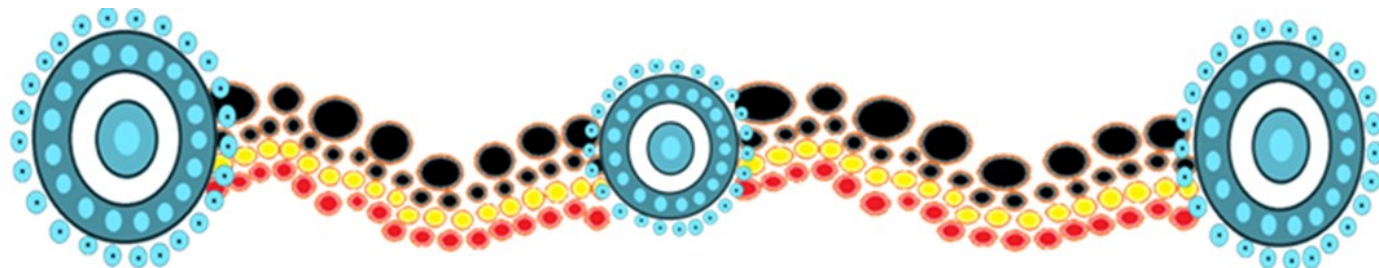
This event has been hugely successful over the past few years, and we look to continue building upon the relationships we have been able to create.

The Achievement Night begins at 5:30pm with food and refreshments provided by the school. Invitations have been mailed out to all of our Aboriginal families. If you have not received an invitation, please come in and see us at the office and we will happily provide you with one. Please be sure to tear off the bottom section of that invitation and return to the school for catering purposes.

Aunties, Uncles, Grandparents and any other extended family members are more than welcome to come along for the evening.

So please come along enjoy a feed, have a yarn and a good laugh while we celebrate the fantastic achievements of our jarjums in 2015.

Eli Cook  
Aboriginal Education Officer



## Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation during week 4 was great fun! All students happily joined into the games and activities. 'Spen' the Commonwealth Bank mascot came in for a visit and spoke about student banking. They learnt how to be a safe, fair learner and made some bees. They sang, danced, laughed and cooperated together, along with sharing our lunch with our teddy bears of all shapes and sizes and giggled with big brothers and sisters. There was a special assembly on Friday, where the children performed for their parents, and after that, everyone enjoyed a morning tea. We at BPS are looking forward to welcoming all the children back in 2016!

Amanda Taylor and Marion Thwaites  
Kindergarten Teachers



## the lunchbox canteen news



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Colleen 0457 641431

### Canteen Roster

	<u>Preparation</u> 9.15-11	<u>Lunch</u> 11.15-12	<u>Recess</u> 2-2.30
<u>Monday</u>	Cindy	Cindy	
<u>Tuesday</u>	Deb P	Deb P	
<u>Wednesday</u>	Deb B	Deb B	
<u>Thursday</u>	Deb B	Deb B	
<u>Friday</u>	Alison	Alison	



### Bus Safety – Parent Information

Travelling safely on a bus does not end when you step off the bus. Care must also be taken before and after riding the bus, which is when most casualties occur. Talking with your child about safe behaviour in traffic areas on a regular basis can build their confidence and help them to feel secure. One of the best ways to keep your child safe is to practise how to cross the road safely especially before boarding and after leaving the bus.

Please make sure your child understands the safety procedure below:

- **WAIT** on the footpath until the bus has been driven away and then choose the safest place to cross.
- **WATCH** until there is no traffic or the traffic has stopped.
- **WALK** across the road, turning your head both ways to look and listen for traffic.

Other ways you can assist your child to become a safer bus traveller include:

- Arrange for an adult to accompany your child to and from the bus stop.
- Wait for your child on the same side of the road as the stopping bus.
- Never call for your child to cross the road to meet you.
- Discuss what to do should your child miss the bus or catch the wrong one.

Important tips for your child on the bus:

- Always wait until the bus has completely stopped before walking towards the bus
- Always sit quietly on the bus as noise can distract the driver
- Always wait until the bus has left before crossing the road.

## Ballina High Year 7, 2016

Just a friendly reminder to all parents of students attending Ballina High in 2016, enrolment forms need to be returned to the school as soon as possible. If you still require one, they can be collected from the Ballina High School front office.

Upcoming Year 6 Transition days are:

- Friendship Building Picnic Wednesday November 18th;
- DEC (Department of Education and Communities) Orientation Day Thursday December 3rd.

Please ensure that permission notes for these days are returned to either Ballina primary or secondary as soon as possible.

Thanking You  
Mieke Hummel,  
Transition co-ordinator,  
Ballina High School

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