

The Wave



Term 1 – Week 5

Principal's Message

It's hard to believe we are half way through Term 1!

School Photos

Next week, Wednesday 3rd March, 2021 our school photos will be taken.

Each child will have their photo taken on the day.

Please ensure you have the correct money sealed in the envelope on the day as **no change** will be given. Spare envelopes will be available at our administration office.

So make sure you've got your hair done, your best smile, shiny shoes and best school uniform on!

Sun Safety

At Ballina Public, students must wear a broad-brimmed hat if they wish to play out in the sun. Australia has a high incidence of skin cancer and we are trying to help prevent BPS kids from getting any type of skin cancer later in life. We ask that you make sure that your child comes to school with a broad-brimmed hat. A cap does not provide enough protection for our ears or neck, so please leave caps at home. Thank you for your support.

COVID Intensive Learning Support Program

A number of Department of Education schools received additional funding to support student learning, after the COVID Learning From Home time. At BPS we have been fortunate to receive enough funding to target student needs across K-6. Ms Marion Thwaites is working within the K-2 classes and Ms Emily Wilson is working within the 3-6 classes. In addition, we have been able to allocate additional days to the Learning and Support Team (Mrs Kelly and Mrs Ainsworth). This is great news for our students who are getting additional small group or one-on-one learning time!

Kind Regards,
Stacie Luppi

Important Dates

Week 6

Wednesday 3rd March
School Photo Day

Week 7

Monday 8th March
Cricket Blast
School Program

Week 8

Monday 15th March
P & C
Annual General Meeting
4:00pm

Week 10

Thursday 1st April
Crazy Hat Parade
Last Day of Term

School Banking
every
Wednesday

School P & C Association
Meetings are held the 3rd
Monday of every month
at 4:00pm in the
Staffroom Admin Building

Canteen

Our Canteen has had a change of operating days and hours.

Please note our Meal Deal price has increased to \$6.00.

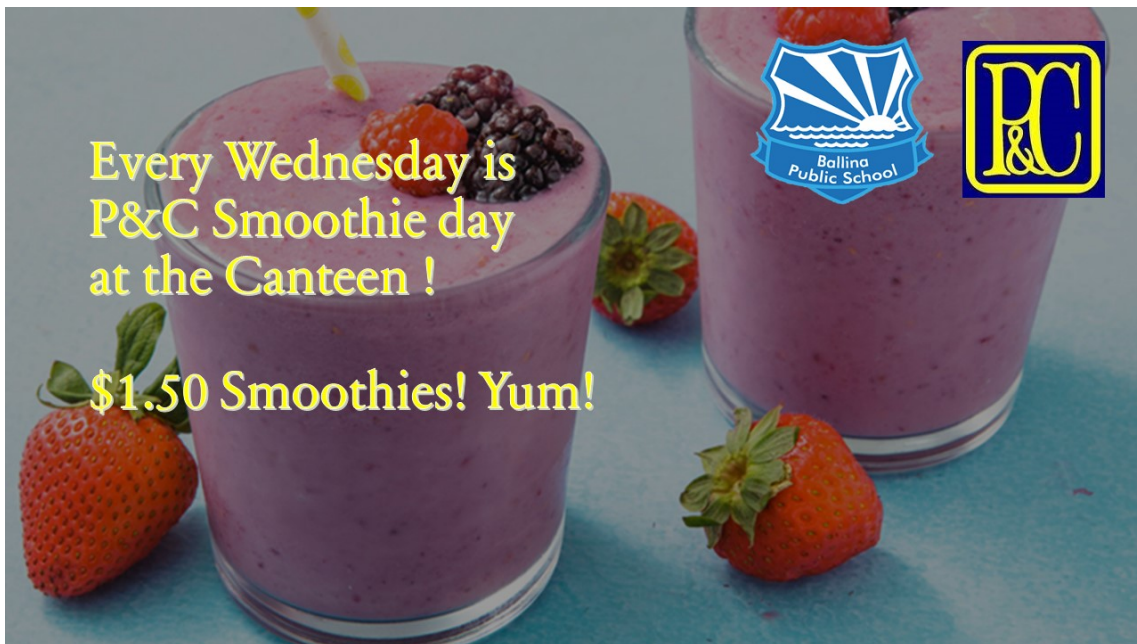
Canteen opening days are:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes only – operating hours 8:30am-12noon.

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

\$6 Meal Deal – Pasta, Water and Fruit

New to the Menu – Butter Chicken & rice \$4.50



Alison Mann
Canteen Manager

Garden Fun

This week our volunteer Jo and her gardening team started to create a worm nursery in one of the beds that doesn't grow much because of the windy spot it's in. The gardeners will be experimenting to see which foods worms like the best and hope to grow some big fat juicy worms to improve the soil and to feed to Kit and Kat on occasions.

This week they trialled pumpkin, eggplant and potato skins.

Stay tuned to see which food the worms liked best!

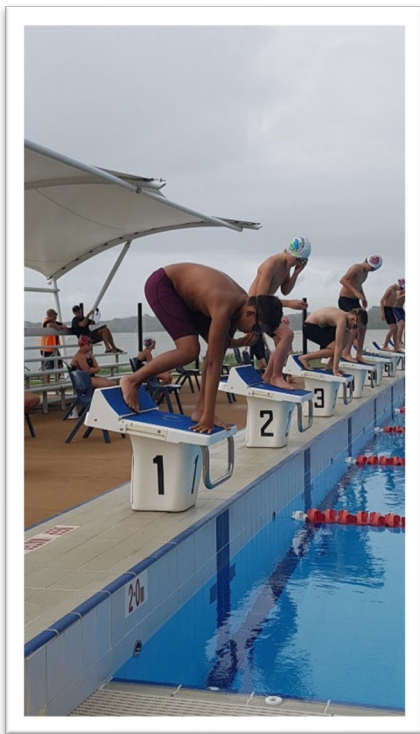
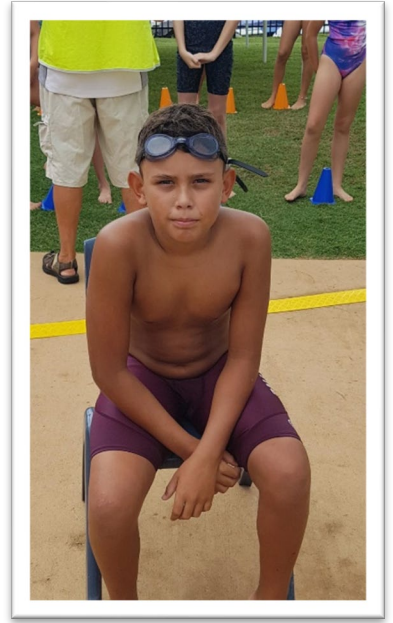




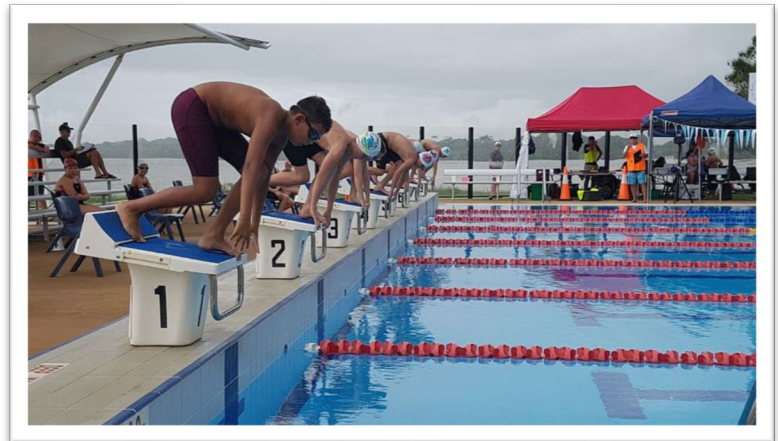


Far North Coast Swimming Wednesday 24th February, 2021

Congratulations to Connor and Kristian on competing in the 11 years for backstroke and butterfly.



**Take
Your
Mark,
Get
Set,
GO!!!**





WHY “DO” P&C?

I volunteer at my child’s school. I find that giving up an hour or two each month to attend meetings where we as a group get to have a impact on our children’s learning is priceless. I appreciate the fundraising that the P&C needs to do to ensure that our children have access to educational materials and great facilities.

IT IS THE LEAST THAT I CAN DO EVERY NOW AND THEN.

My children like that I am involved in their school life and they love it when they see me at the canteen or helping out at school community events.

P&C has allowed me to develop my skills. I have a better understanding of meeting practices and I have made lasting friendships. P&C for me also offers opportunities for my children, I get to show them the good that people can bring to their community.

I am giving them a model to aspire to, I am showing them that I value their education, that they are not alone.

I AM INVOLVED.

These reasons may not interest you but I bet there is something for you at P&C. Our Annual General Meeting is 15th March and Ballina Public School P&C Association is looking for members of the community who are willing and able to represent and advocate for your children. Our school is a richer place for the contribution of parents and others.

SIGN UP TODAY!

Ballina Public School P&C Association monthly meetings held the 3rd Monday of every month at 4.00pm in the staffroom admin building.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Covid Guidelines Update

Clarification for schools - identifying and responding to unwell students.

Students and staff must not attend school or work if they are unwell, even with the mildness of symptoms including fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste, and loss of smell.

Students need to be symptom free and a negative COVID-19 test result must be received and sighted by the school prior to their return to school.

Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test are not permitted to return to school for a 10 day period and they must be symptom free for at least 3 days prior to their return.

Students who have seasonal allergic rhinitis or another condition that presents similarly to flu-like symptoms are still required to get tested for COVID-19 and return a negative test result. Where their symptoms continue beyond 10 days, students should provide documentation from their GP confirming their symptoms are typical for their condition.

Isolated incidents of sneezing or coughing may not indicate that a student is suffering from an illness. Staff should talk with students about how they are feeling to determine if a cough/sneeze is an isolated incident or whether the student is unwell. Where a student is unwell arrangements should be made to send them home.

COVID-19 testing for very young students or students with complex health or disability may be challenging. In these situations, schools are to ask the parent/carer to have their child assessed by their medical practitioner. Where a medical practitioner determines that a COVID-19 test is not indicated, a medical certificate must be provided to the school to confirm that the student does not have symptoms that warrant a COVID-19 test. The certificate must also indicate that the student is able to return to the school environment.



Reading is so important! Here are some tips to help you help your child when reading at home!

Support Parents

word solving strategies

Growing Firsties

Ways to Take Action & Solve Words

ALWAYS...

- Make Sense
- Sound Right
- Look Right

Eagle Eye

Look at the picture.

Think "what is in the picture that starts with the beginning letter?"

Lips the Fish

Get your mouth ready!

Say the beginning sound.

Stretchy Snake

Slowly stretch each letter sound to make the word.

ship = sh || p

Chunky Monkey

Break the word into chunks you already know.

mat
flat
spat ter

Tryin' Lion

Try to re-read the sentence.

Think "what makes sense?"

Skippy Frog

Skip the tricky word.

Read to the end.

Go back & try it again.

Flippy Dolphin

Flip the vowel sound.

Try the long & short sounds.

Careful Caterpillar

Carefully read the whole word.

Think about all the word parts.

Think about what makes sense.

Fluent Reading Sounds Like...

- ⦿ Phrased like talk
- ⦿ Expression matches meaning
- ⦿ Paused at punctuation
- ⦿ Pace is just right...not too fast or too slow

Study Ask
Think Respond

Be A Self-Monitor!

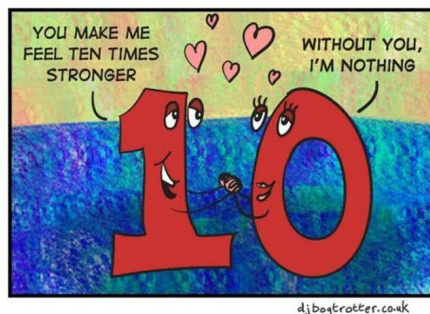
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Read with their Child

Welcome to 1-2PC

Mrs Coggan (Monday & Tuesday)

Mr Pearson (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)



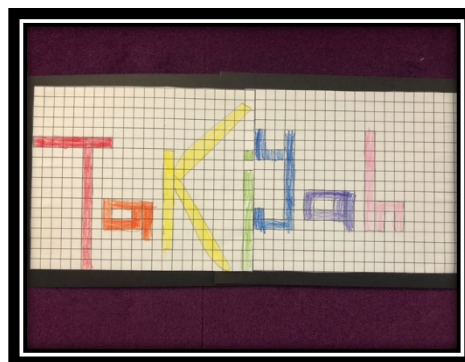
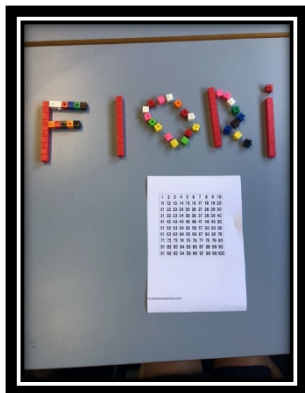
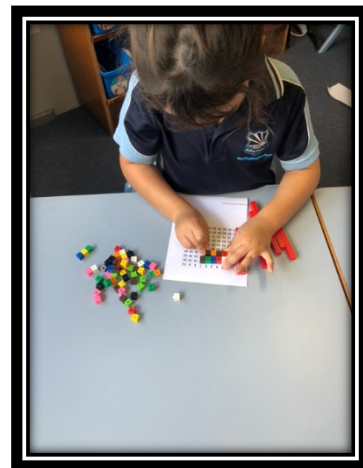
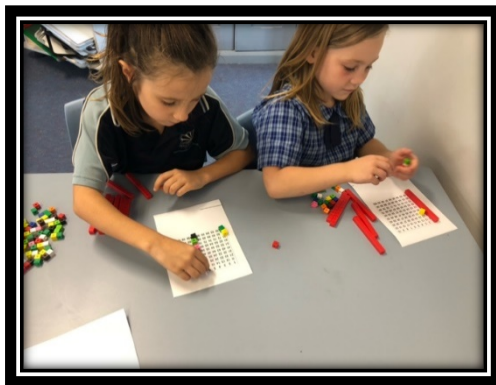
1/2PC (Perfect Calculations) has been working MATHiculously on building their Place Value skills.

Students have been developing an understanding in tens and ones and constructing numbers with different materials including Unifix, MAB and Paddle Pop Sticks. Students are improving their addition skills and are working together with their peers very well.

In the coming weeks we'll be building to 3-digit numbers and more!

Help at home by asking questions about numbers; 'How many tens in 54?' 'What does 16 mean?'

Soon we'll have a classroom full of budding mathematicians.



Interview with Mrs Coggan

- 1. How many years have you been teaching?**
6 years.
- 2. What is your favourite stage to teach?**
Kindergarten to Year 2
- 3. What is your favourite colour?**
White
- 4. What is your favourite thing to do outside of work?**
Hang with my family, go to the beach, have picnics, go out to eat with friends.
- 5. Do you have any pets?**
No.
- 6. What is your favourite food?**
Sushi.



Interview with Mr Pearson

- 1. How many years have you been teaching?**
11 years.
- 2. What is the most rewarding thing about your job?**
Watching my students grow and reach their potential.
- 3. Did you always want to be a Teacher?**
No. I fell into it and loved it.
- 4. What is your favourite food?**
Anything except Ginger!
- 5. What is your favourite song?**
My Hero-FooFighters
- 6. What is your favourite holiday destination?**
Norway



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Applications are available at
www.rainbow.nsw.edu.au

Also Rainbow 4 John Sharpe St East Ballina
 Government Child Care benefits and rebate available.

All enquiries phone Jan or Jodie at the Rainbow Children's Centre for Information (02) 6686 6621



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LENNOX HEAD RUGBY JUNIOR SIGN ON DAY

WEDNESDAY 10TH, 17TH & 24TH FEBRUARY 2021 from 5:00pm
 Ages U7's to U18's Boys and Girls

Registrations open on Rugby Link from and all registrations and payments must be made online.
 Go to lennoxheadrugby.org.au and follow the Registration link. Follow the prompts to complete your registration and payments.
 Representative lives from the club will be available on the day to assist with your registrations.
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85th Anniversary Australian Air League NSW Group

JOIN NOW

NSW GROUP IS NOW ENROLLING

Since 1934 the Australian Air League has been teaching young boys and girls nationwide all about aviation, while helping them develop important life skills like leadership, discipline, self confidence and teamwork. When you join the league you will make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air.

Each week you will attend your local squadron where you will learn valuable skills and take part in fun and interesting activities and classes. Some of our classes include Meteorology, Navigation, Photography and Community Service. Squadrons also attend training camps, sport and recreational days, flying experiences and ceremonial drill.

We welcome boys and girls the age of 8 years old from all different cultures and backgrounds. Parents and families are welcome to support or even join their local squadron as a volunteer. All adult members and volunteers are Working with Childrens Checked.

The Australian Air League is running both a fun and educational programme that is making fine citizens out of our young Australians.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AUSTRALIAN AIR LEAGUE AND YOUR CLOSEST SQUADRON PLEASE CONTACT

www.airleague.com.au Email: info@airleague.com.au
 Free Call: 1800 502 175

positive partnerships
 Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

NSW PARENT/CARER ONLINE WORKSHOP

Join us for an online workshop where you will have the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents and carers who support young people on the autism spectrum, from across New South Wales.

This online workshop is for parents, full-time carers and grandparents. Join other families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership.

During the online workshops, we will cover three topics:

- diversity of autism
- understanding behaviour
- working together with your child's school

Location: New South Wales via zoom online

Date: Tuesday 9th March 2021

Time: Wed 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM (AEDT)

For more information and to register, visit www.ppaustralia.com.au or contact Laura Owens lauraowens@autismspectrum.org.au



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