

The Wave



Term 1 – Week 8

Principal's Message

Harmony Day

Each year we celebrate Harmony Day. It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community.

Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it.

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

I would like to thank Mrs Cameron and Mrs Eadsforth for organising events for BPS to celebrate Harmony Day on Friday 19th March. It was a wonderful way to embrace all of the cultures that make up our school!

P&C Meeting

It was wonderful to see so many interested people at our P&C meeting on Monday afternoon. Everyone is always welcome to these meetings. Come along and learn about ways you might be able to give any kind of helping hand at BPS.

Staff Professional Learning

The executive team undertook some professional learning around our student performance data in literacy and numeracy tests.

This was a fantastic opportunity to compare our Year 3 and 5 student results and prepare additional action plans to help boost student knowledge and understanding in specific areas. Targeted programs will begin to come through in classes, as well as with our COVID Learning and Support teachers.

Helping your Child Learn

Parents and carers play a critical role in developing skills in our children. There are lots of easy ways to help kids learn while at home or while out shopping.

- Have kids collect the number of items you need, for example, 6 oranges, 2 loaves of bread, find the 2L milk container.
- Get kids to help read through a recipe and help to measure things out when cooking.
- If you get pizza for dinner, ask kids to show you half or quarter of it. Fractions are an incredibly important part of their learning in numeracy.
- Read a book together – reading to your child is an important part of learning about vocabulary and gives kids ideas about writing.

Kind Regards,
Stacie Luppi

Important Dates

Week 10

Monday 29th March
Cross Country

Wednesday 31st March
Crazy Hat Parade

Thursday 1st April
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

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

**\$6 Meal Deal
Ham & Cheese Wrap
Vege Sticks or Fruit
Popper
Prize**

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



Thank you to Rebecca and Grace for the generous donation of plastic forks, spoons, cups and lunch bags.

Canteen Volunteers

If you have any available time and wish to help in the canteen please contact Alison as she would love to have you.

Easter Raffle

P&C are holding their annual Easter Raffle at the canteen. Tickets are \$2.00 each and we are asking kindly for any chocolate donations that you may have to make this a big event. We are also organising a stall at the Fair so keep an eye out for us!

**Alison Mann
Canteen Manager**





P&C Meeting

Thank you to those who attended the P&C Annual General Meeting help on Monday night.

It was lovely to see your happy faces and congratulations to Katherine who was appointed as our President for 2021.

Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in fulfilling our positions to function as a P&C and we are asking for your help. Holding a position on the P&C is exciting for your children to see you at school and valuable for yourself to be a part of a great committee whose sole purpose is to enhance our children's education. Our school canteen is fully operated by the P&C and with positions unfilled we risk losing our P&C as well as the canteen. Our main positions needed for us to continue are Secretary and the Treasure with Vice positions to be filled after mains.

Listed below is a brief outline of each position:

Current vacant positions are:

Vice President - required to support the President when needed and attend monthly P&C meetings and fundraising events when available.

Secretary - required to attend P&C meeting 1 per month to take notes from meeting. Distributing said minutes to parents. Table all correspondence at meeting. Attend fundraising events when available.

Vice Secretary - required to support the Secretary when needed and attend monthly P&C meeting and fundraising events when available.

Treasure - required to attend P&C meeting 1 per month to table the finance report. The finance report consists of reconciling the monthly finances to the bank statement. Paying canteen wages fortnightly and keeping taxes/super payments up to date. Training will be available if needed. The Treasure is also invited to attend fundraising events when available.

Vice Treasure - required to support the Treasurer when needed and attend monthly P&C meeting and fundraising events when available.

If you are interested or need more information please contact the school.

Sports News



Last Thursday, 11th March, 2021, the school cricket team played their first game in the PSSA Knockout Competition against Pottsville Public School.

The weather conditions were not ideal for playing cricket, however, the boys tried their hardest and worked well as a team.

Unfortunately, the boys lost the game but they had fun.

I would like to thank Sarah, David and Lee for driving the cricket team to Pottsville. Without parent/carer volunteers, we would not have been able to play the game.

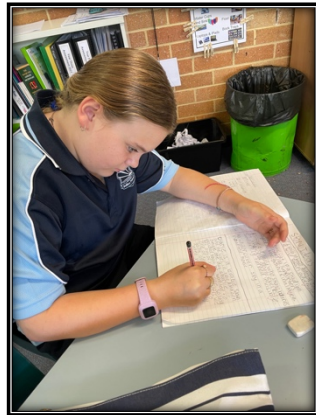
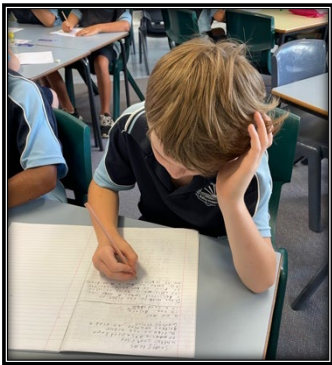
Mary Cameron
Sports Co-Ordinator



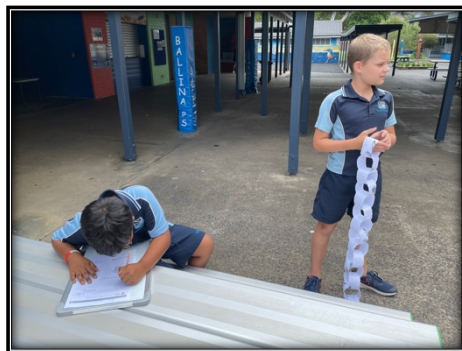
Welcome to 3-4E

In 3/4E we come to school to learn and to be the best selves we can be! We do this by being safe, fair learners. We do this by choosing to learn. Take a look at what we've been learning these last few weeks of school.

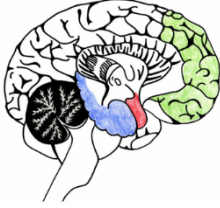
In Writing, we are learning about imaginative texts and we are writing narratives. We know narratives have a set structure of a title, an orientation, a complication with a series of events and a resolution. We've also learnt about special narrative language features such as the use of adjectives and adverbs to make our sentences interesting.



In Mathematics, we have been learning about length, in particular metres. This week we investigated things around our school that were approximately 2 metres. Then we had to use our 2 metre paper chains to draw life size animals on the concrete with chalk.

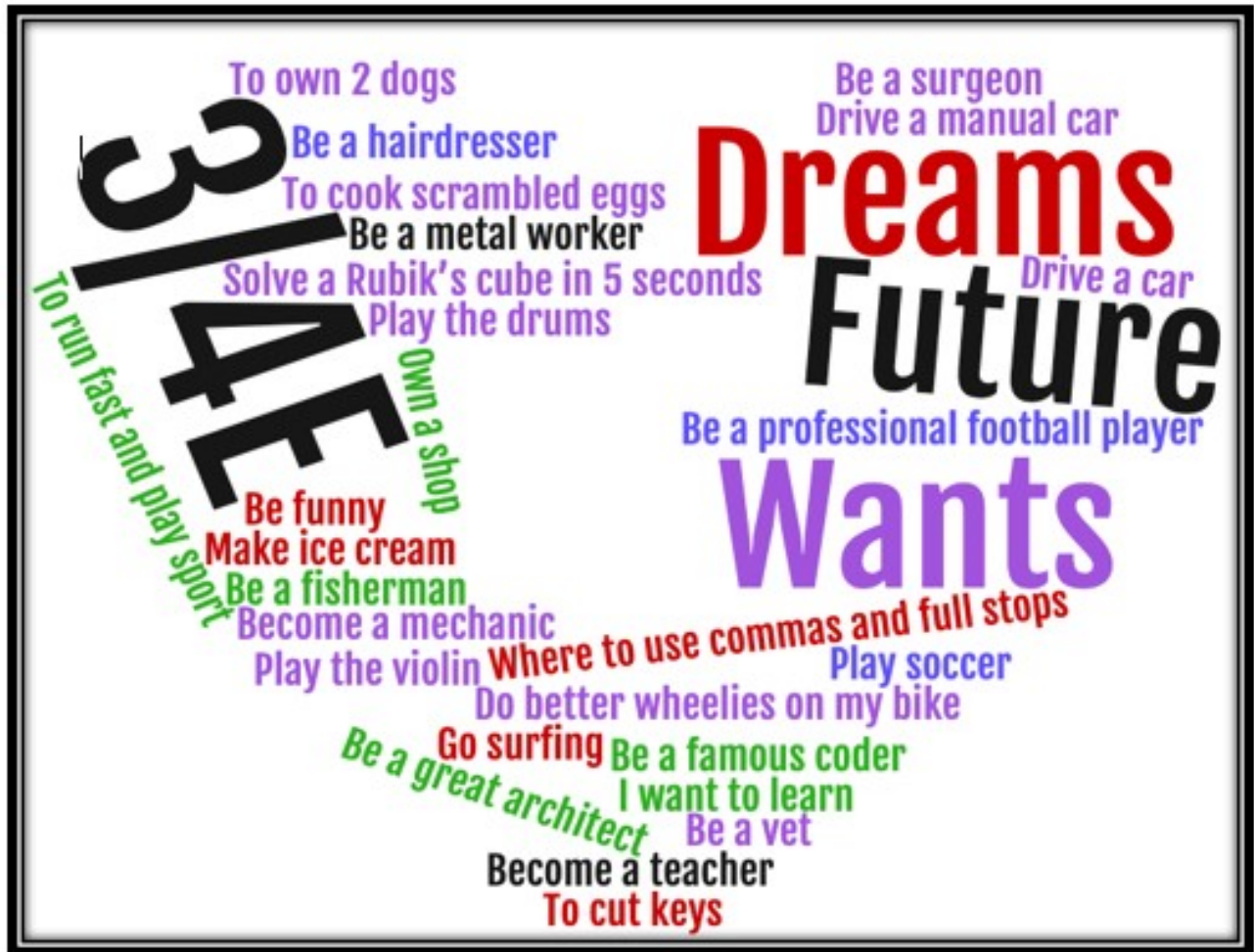
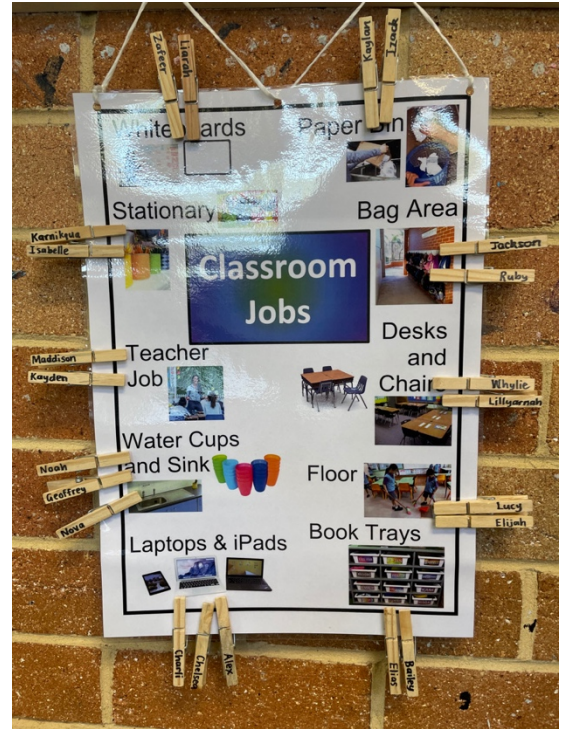


In Personal Development and Health, we have covered a lot of topics already this year. We've learnt about neuroscience and how the brain works, multiple intelligences and mindfulness. We've discussed the power of positive thinking and taking responsibility for our actions.



This is our classroom jobs chart. We do jobs every afternoon to take responsibility in caring for our learning environment: our classroom!

We've also spent some time talking about things we want to learn in life as we grow up and dreams for our future. Check out our class Wordle of our dreams and wants for our future.



News from the Library



All students at Ballina Public School are encouraged to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge 2021! The Challenge aims to instil and promote a love of reading for pleasure and to enable them to experience quality literature.

The Challenge begins on 1 March 2021 and continues until the 20 August 2021.

In order to complete the challenge, students must read a certain number of books in the below timeframe. Your child will be supported during library time to learn more about this challenge and to select PRC books that are appropriate for their age, interest and maturity levels. For further information and to access the [PRC website](#).

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of personal choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

3 – 6 Students

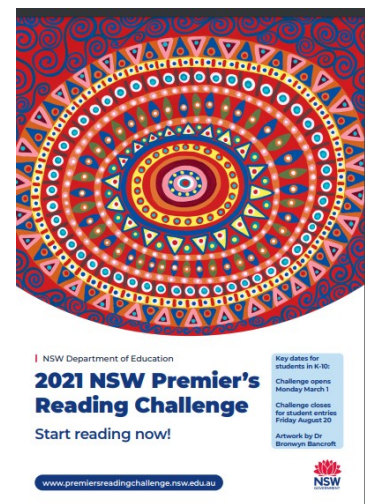
Students in 3 - 6 are to record books they read independently on an electronic student reading record in the PRC website. Parents can support their child by helping them record their books read at home. Students logon using their *existing DoE User ID and password*. Students can also log their books read during library time each week.

K – 2 Students

Students in K - 2 read their PRC books as a class during library lessons and these will be automatically added to their electronic log.

Happy Reading!

Julie Streader
Teacher Librarian



Interview with Mrs Eadsforth

- 1. How many years have you been teaching?**
21.
- 2. What is your favourite colour?**
Green.
- 3. What is your favourite movie?**
Any movie in the Star Wars universe (except perhaps the Phantom Menace - even for a die-hard fan of Star Wars like me, that movie is a tad hard to take).
- 4. What is your favourite thing to do outside of work?**
Rehearsing, writing songs and performing with my band - The Loveys.
- 5. What is your favourite song?**
It changes all the time but at the moment I'm flipping between Daniela Andrade's version of Gnarles Barkley's 'Crazy' and Queens of the Stone Age 'No-one Knows.'
- 6. What is your favourite holiday destination?**
Anywhere my family is.



Supporting our Local Community

WANT GREAT VALUE FROM YOUR NSW CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER?

CREATIVE KIDS
REGISTERED PROVIDER
NSW GOVERNMENT

WE HAVE **FREE CRAFT WORKSHOPS TO SUIT ALL JUNIOR CREATORS.. INCLUDES FREE DELIVERY!**

Charlie Boots
Creative kits for creative kids

Scan here to see our range of free workshop kits!



We Need You

Out of School Hours Care
Central Ballina
Operates

Before School Care 7:00am to 9:00am
After School Care 3.20pm to 6.20pm
Vacation Care 7.00am to 6.20pm


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

GOORI GUMAGUY BLAGGANG MIRR



Jarjum Gangaang Bulaang
Learning Together

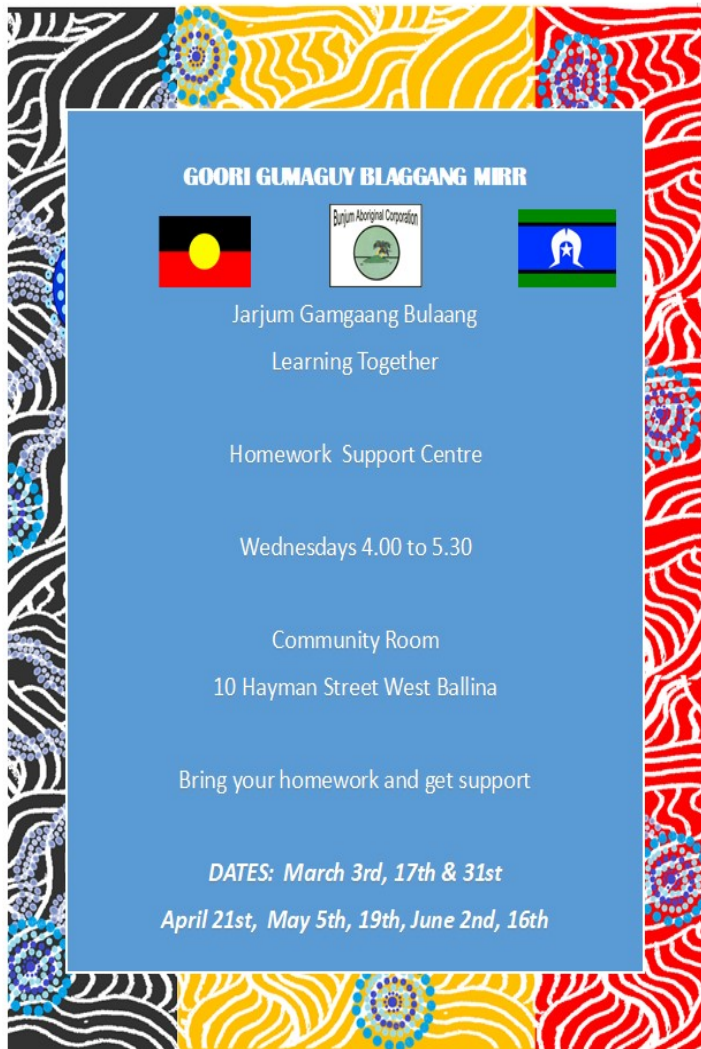
Homework Support Centre

Wednesdays 4.00 to 5.30

Community Room
10 Hayman Street West Ballina

Bring your homework and get support

**DATES: March 3rd, 17th & 31st
April 21st, May 5th, 19th, June 2nd, 16th**



Come along to our free Aboriginal bicycle safety workshop

Register your interest to participate in a bicycle safety workshop that includes bicycle checking by qualified staff.
Morning tea will be provided.

Where: Ballina (Jarjum Bugal Nah Childcare & Family Centre)
10 Hayman Street West Ballina

Date: Tuesday 13th April 2021
Time: 9.30 am – 12.30pm

Free bicycle checks and minor repairs
Learn new cycling skills

For more information please contact:
Jason Sipple 0418 150 217 or 0266 225 775

Just ride cycles
making life a bit better

NSW
GOVERNMENT

transport.nsw.gov.au